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BRIGHTER PICTURE OF WAR SITUATION

Japanese Advance Stopped At Wusih And Kiangyin

**MANY SERIOUS OBSTACLES
STILL TO BE OVERCOME**

TOKYO AND NEUTRAL ZONE REPORT

Tokyo, To-day.
The Japanese Foreign Office, regarding reports that Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U. S. Ambassador to China, has presented a plan seeking Japanese approval for the creation of a neutral zone in Nanking, says that it has no knowledge of any such request.—Our Own Correspondent.

CHINA'S CAST-IRON DETERMINATION

Shanghai, To-day.
Chinese circles are much heartened by a statement made by the Minister of Finance, Dr. H. H. Kung, in an interview at Hankow, that "no matter how long the war lasts, China is financially prepared to see it through."

Dr. Kung said the National Government had completed all preparations for this purpose, and added that removal of the seat of government to Chungking did not mean abandonment of Nanking but "was designed to demonstrate in the course of a war of protracted resistance, China's cast-iron determination to fight to the last."

THE LONG RUN

The Minister recalled that during the Great War, Paris was under constant threat of German occupation, and that the French Government had to move its seat, but that did not prevent France from eventually emerging victorious.

Dr. Kung concluded: "The Japanese cannot escape being crushed in the long run, no matter how deeply they might penetrate Chinese territory at any one time."—Reuter.

STORY OF FALL OF WUSHING

Shanghai, To-day.
Capture of Fushan forts, on the Yangtse, by the Japanese, is definitely confirmed in Shanghai.

It is admitted that the only strong line of defence now barring the way to Nanking in this sector is the line stretching from Kiangyin to Wusih, but this is holding staunchly.

Chief danger is of the line being outflanked by the Japanese, who are reported to be making progress on the southern bank of Taihu Lake, Wushing having fallen.

Should new measures to check the advance from Wushing fail the Wusih-Kiangyin defence line would rapidly become untenable, and Nanking would be directly threatened. The decision of the Chinese Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, to remain in the capital, has, under these circumstances, aroused much speculation.

It is believed that the Minister's decision is attributable to the fact that the foreign Embassies are not inclined to leave Nanking, where it is hoped that a safety zone will be created for them.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE ADMISSION

Shanghai, To-day.
Although a Japanese report yesterday claimed the occupation of Wusih, the Japanese army spokesman admitted to-day that the Chinese still held the city, which is the pivotal point of the strong Chinese line running to Kiangyin, on the Yangtse.

While some observers are pessimistic as to the prospects of the Chinese checking the Japanese drive on Nanking, others say the Japanese will encounter many difficulties before they reach their objective, and suggest they may take a much longer time than is generally being predicted.

CHINESE POSITION
Chinese prospects, they contend,

are enhanced by the fact the Chinese troops who fought in the Shanghai-Soochow area are being reorganised, while fresh bodies of well-trained and well-equipped men are steadily pouring towards the front.

Kiangyin hitherto has withstood persistent shelling from the sea.

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UNLOADING OF BRITISH RICE CARGO STOPPED

Shanghai, To-day.
Considerable discussion has been aroused here by the Japanese prohibition of the unloading of a cargo of rice from a British steamer.

The Japanese are understood to have objected to the rice being imported to Shanghai under a military permit.

The importers of the cargo are understood to be a French firm, while the buyers are Chinese, who are now reported to be willing to use the rice for feeding the refugees in Nantao.

The Shanghai Municipal Council is understood to consider that there is no question of contraband, but will probably comply with the wishes of the Japanese authorities in order to avoid complications.—Trans-Ocean.

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Add up your totals. The table at the foot of the page will tell you where you stand in men's estimation.

PHONING

1. When asked for a date do you put off the final decision with: "Telephone me later?" "I have a tentative date, but I'll try to break it?" "Let me call you back?" "I'm not sure now, but I'll know later?"
2. Do you call him up repeatedly at: His office? His club?
3. Do you talk too long on the phone?
4. Do you telephone him early Sunday mornings?
5. Are you reluctant to admit that you're not busy when asked at the last minute for a date?
6. When asked for a date do you go into detail about all that you have

**YOUR SCORE WILL
REVEAL WHAT MEN
THINK OF YOU!**

to do on the preceding days . . . i.e., "Well, Monday I have to do this. Tuesday, Wednesday, etc.?"

7. Do you stall for time, when asked for an engagement, to find out what is offered?

DANCING

1. Do you litter up your escort's pockets with comb, compact, lip-tick, change purse?
2. Do you wave your arms about gesticulating, to illustrate what you are talking about?
3. Do you talk in a loud tone of voice in order to attract the attention of other men?
4. Do you watch everything that goes on over his shoulder?

5. When it gets late, do you say, "why don't you run along home if you're tired—I can take care of myself?"

DRIVING

1. Do you get knees tangled up in the gearshift?
2. If he gets stopped for some motoring offence do you take it on yourself to try to talk the policeman out of it?
3. Do you continually distract him by calling his attention to objects along the roadside?
4. Do you attempt to give him directions when you are not sure?

TALKING

1. Do you stop in the middle of a story with: "Are you sure I haven't told you this before?" "Now, let's see—where was I?" "Now just what did happen. . .?" "I really don't think I know you well enough?"
2. Do you go into detail about previous romances?
3. Do you say: "Anything to avoid an argument?"
4. Do you lie unconvincingly when you break dates?
5. Do you repeat gossip?
6. Do you answer questions with: "Well—yes and no?"
7. Do you lie about your age?
8. Do you say patronisingly: "Men love to talk about themselves?" "The way to a man's heart . . . etc.?" "Men are such children?"
9. Do you continually use "It's a woman's privilege" as an excuse for changing your mind?
10. Do you ask a man how much money he is earning?
11. Do you call your escort by your own pet names for him in front of company?
12. When you are better informed than your escort, do you flaunt your knowledge?
13. Do you remind him that he is getting bald?
14. When he asks your opinion, do you wait until you have heard his, and then agree with it?
15. Are you a travel talker?
16. Do you go into detail about: Feminine fashions? Parties to which he has not been? Men whom

- he doesn't know? Family troubles? Operations? The love affairs of your female friends?
17. After asking his opinion of the frock you're wearing, do you become offended if it is not good?

IN LOVE

1. Do you check up on time spent when he was not with you?
2. Are you over confidential with your female friends about all the developments in your love affairs?
3. Do you have to be continually reminded that he still loves you?
4. Do you wax suspicious about his female associates in the business world?
5. Do you use "If you love me you'll do it" as the final reason in an argument?

IN GENERAL

1. Do you make a habit of breaking engagements when something better is offered later?
2. Do you keep him waiting?
3. Do you flaunt presents which other admirers have given you?
4. Do you make a career of being helpless?
5. Do you make a martyr of yourself at dull parties?
6. Do you resort to a lot of technique to make yourself seem inaccessible, and therefore popular?
7. Do you take along other people when he asks you to dinner?
8. When he is floundering for change do you offer money?
9. Do you let your escort know that wherever he takes you whatever he does for you is an old story?
10. Do you wear large hats in the movies?
11. Do you put finishing touches on your make-up every few minutes?

HOW HAVE YOU SCORED?

Sections	Number of Possible Worst score questions answers in each		
Telephoning	7	11	33
Dancing	5	5	15
Driving	4	4	12
Talking	17	28	84
In Love	5	5	15
In General	11	11	33

WORST POSSIBLE SCORE IN ALL 192

The best possible score is 0; the worst is 192. Mark yourself thus:—

0—5	Impossible.	110—130	Fair.
5—50	Exceptional	130—160	Still hope.
50—110	Good.	160—192	Very bad.

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Les Cloches De Corneville—Overture
(Planquette).
La Fille De Madame Angot—
Overture (Lecocq).
Vienna Symphony Orchestra
cond: Paul Kerby.
A Country Girl—Vocal Gems
Columbia Light Opera Company
with Orchestra.
Chu Chin Chow—Selection
Gaumont British Orchestra
cond: Louis Levy.

7.25 p.m.—**Kreisler (Violin).**
7.33 p.m.—**Closing local Stock Quota-
tions and Hong Kong Exchange
Market Report.**
7.38 p.m.—**Studio—Gaston D'Aquino
(Tenor) accompanied by E O'Neil
Shaw (Piano).**
8 p.m.—**Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.**
8.03 p.m.—**Albert Sandler & His Orch.**
8.15 p.m.—**London Relay—From These
Beginnings—A Pageant of Radio.**
9 p.m.—**London Relay—An Organ
Recital.**

9.30 p.m.—London Rec'—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Selections from Wagner's
Operas
Tannhauser—Dich Teure Halle
Elisabeth Reihberg (Soprano)
& the Berlin State Opera Orch.
Lohengrin—Prelude, Act 3
London Symphony Orch.
The Valkyrie—Ride Of The
Valkyries—Symphony Orch.
Wotan's Farewell & Magic Fire
Music
Rudolf Bockelmann (Bass-
Baritone) & the Berlin State
Opera Orchestra
Tristan and Isolde—Wie Sie Selig
Gottedammerung—Brunnhilde!
Herrie Brant! (Siegfried's
Death).
Lauritz Melchior (Tenor) &
the London Symphony Orch.
10.20 p.m.—Light Orchestra
Christmas—Overture
(Coleridge-Taylor)
Lane Wilson Melodies
Symphony Orchestra cond-
Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
Ballad Memories
—New Mayfair Orchestra
(with Vocals).
10.35 p.m.—New Dance Music.
11 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—
 GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
 GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
 GSG 17.73 Mc/s (16.36 m.)
 GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m. - Big Ben Tom Jenkins at
the Organ of the Peace Cinema,
Swansea.
11.15 a.m. - "Dancing Time"
11.45 a.m. - Chamber Music
12.15 p.m. - "From These Beginnings"
1.00 p.m. - Organ Recital
1.30 p.m. - The News and Announce-
ments - Greenwich Time Signal at:
1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m. - Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (18.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.32 m.)
GSI (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

2.15 p.m. - Big Ben's Record of Traditional and Modern Welsh Music
2.45 p.m. - 'At the Black Dog'
3.15 p.m. - The Torquay Municipal Orchestra
4.00 p.m. - The News and Announcements Greenwich Time Signal
4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m. - Keyboard Music through the Ages - 3: Chopin (1810-1849).
4.45 p.m. - 'World Affairs' - A talk by J. P. Hienry, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford
5.00 p.m. - Close down

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Redoubled Contract

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: I always have prided myself on not taking severe penalties at bridge, so when I tell you that I was the partner of a player who went down 2,200 points last night at a redoubled contract, you will appreciate that the blow was as severely felt by my pride as it was by my pocket.

"Ironically enough, as you will see from the hand itself, the redoubled vulnerable game contract should have been fulfilled with ease.

"South, dealer.

"Both sides vulnerable.

one. West won with the queen and now laid down the king of spades. Dummy ruffed with the last trump, and you can see what a terrible fix declarer was in. West still had the nine of trumps and there was no way for declarer to return to his hand to draw it. Nor could the diamond suit be run.

"In desperation, my partner led the singleton club toward the king, but when this lost to the ace and a second diamond came back from West, dummy was as dead as a door nail. The defenders eventually gathered in seven tricks for a penalty of a mere 2,200 points."

NORTH

S.—3
H.—J 7 6 3
D.—A Q 9 6 4 3 2
C.—9

WEST	EAST
S-A K 7	S-Q 9 8 6 5 2
H-Q 9 4 2	H-8
D-8 5	D-J 10
C-A Q 5 2	C-J 10 7 3

SOUTH

S.—J 10 4.
H.—A K 10 5.
D.—K 7
C.—K 8 6 4.

The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 heart	Pass	2 diamonds	Pass
2 no trump	Pass	4 hearts	Pass
Pass	Double	Redouble	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"I was North and hereby admit that I should have had my head examined for that redouble. If my partner had been an expert I think the redouble would have been good, but I should have realised that this freak hand might require handling that was over my partner's head. Also, I might have known that West had been 'trapping' all the way. Well, we live and learn!"

West opened the spade king and seeing the singleton in dummy shifted to a diamond. (Incidentally, I think that a spade continuation would have been better defense, don't you?) But nothing could have turned out better, from West's point of view, than the diamond play. Dummy won in his hand and in a frenzy to get out the trumps, laid down the ace, king and a small

**BROADCAST FROM
DAVENTRY**

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—

GSG	17.79	Mc/s	(16.88 m.)
GSO	15.18	Mc/s	(18.76 m.)
GSD	11.75	Mc/s	(25.53 m.)
GSB	9.51	mc/s	(31.55 m.)

G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben Violin Recital by
Peggy Cochrane.
8.35 a.m.—Music Hall.
9.35 a.m.—The News and Announce-
ments. Greenwich Time Signal at
9.45 a.m.
9.55 a.m.—Empire Exchange.
10.10 a.m.—Recital of Lancashire Dis-
lect Songs by Edwin Waugh.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

On station 12.4-11.33 a.m. 12.33 19.74
 m. 12.12 16.39 m. 12.45 11.45 m. 12.10
 19.53 m.
 SEKT
 2.15 p.m. — Short musical pieces.
 3.00 p.m. — News and Economic Re-
 view.
 5.45 p.m. — Interview of the month.
 6.30 p.m. — Variety Concert.
 8.00 p.m. — News.
 10.00 p.m. — News and Economic Re-
 view.
 10.30 p.m. — To-day in Germany.
 10.30 p.m. — Solo concert: George Stein-
 er, Violinist.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Good Earth"
with Paul Muni, Luise Rainer and
Walter Connolly. Pearl Buck's best-
selling novel made by M.G.M. into its
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AT THE ORIENTAL—"Easy Living"—Big business, funny business, crooked business and sticky business combine in a comedy riot that is going to be everybody's business. Starring Jean Arthur, Edward Arnold, Ray Milland, Louis Alberni, Mary Nash and Franklin Pallieborn.

AT THE QUEEN'S—“Wake Up and Live”—With: Walter Winchell, Red Bernie, Alice Faye, Patsy Kelly, Ned Sparks and Jack Haley. America's leading snooper and the old Maestro continue on the screen the feud they have hitherto conducted over the air. “Songs, dances, wisecracks round out a swell show.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Virgins Of Bali", with an entire native cast. The story deals of two lovely sisters, the ambition of both being to become Temple concubines. The romance of one with a handsome native and the elopement and marriage are enacted with all the native customs.

AT THE MAJESTIC — "Personal Property" — Co-starring Robert Taylor and Jean Harlow in the new version of "The Man in Possession," in which Robert Montgomery scored so successfully previously.

AT THE STAR—"Stolen Holiday." Kay Francis, Claude Rains, Ian Hunter and Alison Skipworth. The tale of a successful business woman who stakes her whole life's happiness for one week of stolen time. Reviewed elsewhere.



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• TO-MORROW •
Edward Arnold in **"JOHN MEADE'S WOMAN"**

"COWARD AND SCOUNDREL" SENTENCED

Charged with robbing a Chinese woman, Lam Wo-yuk, of money and a deposit receipt issued by the Wing On Bank for \$450, Au Chu, carpenter, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four years' hard labour by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

A Chinese woman, Shum Tak-lin, who was charged with complicity was found not guilty by the jury and discharged.

It was alleged that defendants engaged a car and invited complainant to go for a drive with them. At Kennedy Road, Au produced a knife and robbed the complainant of her money.

Several witnesses testified alleging that second defendant was a party to the robbery. The jury, by a majority of 5 to 2 found the woman accused not guilty.

Asked what he had to say, first defendant alleged he was intimidated by second defendant, who was the organiser of the robbery.

"By your own words you prove yourself to be a coward as well as a scoundrel, hiding behind the skirts of a woman," stated Mr. Justice Lindsell in passing the sentence of four years' hard labour on the accused.

FAKE BRANDY ALLEGATIONS

Wong Pat was this morning appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on charges of (a) attempting to obtain from Mr. Albert Long, of No. 29, Haven Street, the sum of \$4.30 by selling him two bottles of liquid purporting to be brandy, (b) possession of wine on which duty had not been paid and (c) with possession of two bottles of brandy to which the trade mark "Hennessy" had been fraudulently applied.

Mr. M. A. Silva was for defendant and pleaded not guilty to all the charges. Mr. D. B. Evans appeared on behalf of Messrs. Rondon, agents for Hennessy Brandy. The case was fixed for hearing for Wednesday December 1 at 2.30 p.m.

RUSSIAN STOWAWAY

Gregory Romanovich Petroff was this morning sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to stowing away on the Conte Rosso from Manila to Hong Kong.

Detective-sergeant Russell said defendant was given up to the Police on arrival here by the master of the ship. Defendant had previously gone to Manila by stowing away on one of the President boats.

BOGUS ELECTRICIANS

Two cases of thefts by men, pretending to be electricians, have been reported to the Police. Miss Lena Loe of, No. 11, Hillwood Road, lost a wrist watch and Mr. Johnston, of No. 60A, Nathan Road, lost two wrist watches valued at \$56 in the same way.

MYSTERY MAN OF STABBING SENT TO GAOL

Found bleeding badly in Fenwick Street on November 14 by a constable, and unable to speak, Cantonese, Ng Chin, a travelling trader from Fukien, was taken to the Police Station where he was searched and on him was found a toy pistol, two wooden gags and a dagger.

The man was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning with possession of unlawful weapons and was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

Detective Sergeant Bentley said defendant was questioned how he came by a stab wound in his thigh but apart from stating that he was stabbed by an unknown Formosan, defendant would not assist the police.

At the Police station, defendant said he used the wooden gags as bird perches as he was a bird fancier but when taken to his address no birds were found on the premises.

NORTH WIND'S BLASTS

Yesterday's maximum temperature was 71 degrees, but the thermometer fell during the night, when the minimum recorded was 60 degrees. At 10 o'clock this morning the reading was 64 degrees, with humidity 67 per cent.

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anticyclone covers China and Japan, pressure remaining highest to the north of the Yangtse Valley.

The typhoon is probably filling up to the south of the Loochoos.

Local forecast:—North and North-East winds, fresh; fair.

81 T.B. DEATHS

There were 81 deaths from tuberculosis, and 17 deaths out of 27 cases of dysentery reported to the local Health Department in the week-ended midnight on Saturday. There were also three deaths from cholera, two from diphtheria and two from measles.

In the 24 hours ended midnight on Monday four cases of dysentery were reported, as well as two of diphtheria, two of typhoid fever and one of cholera.

CABINET CRISIS IN BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

King Leopold has taken further steps to solve the Cabinet crisis.

Yesterday he interviewed in succession the former Minister, M. Henri de Man, the President of the Chamber, M. Aux, the former Minister of Finance, M. de Vaze, and the former Minister of Economics, M. Pierlot. Trans-Ocean.

Travel Association Robbed

Mr. K. Begdon has reported the loss of 12 photo albums, valued at \$180, and a pair of spectacles valued at \$20, from the offices of the Travel Association at Kowloon.

FOREIGNERS MURDERED AT CHANGTING

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Dutch Bishop Schraven and seven Catholic missionaries, including two Dutchmen and two Frenchmen, were kidnapped and murdered at Chengtingfu on October 8 by Chinese bandits.

This is according to official information which has just reached the victims' families.

The murders are believed to have followed on slackening of the Central Government's influence, which, it is stated, resulted in groups of Chinese soldiers forming irregular bands. — Renter.

DOMINIONS AND ANGLO-U.S. TRADE PACT

London, To-day.

"The British market is so vital to Australia," declared the Australian Premier, Mr. A. J. Lyons, referring to the Dominion attitude towards the impending Anglo-American trade agreement, "that we can hardly be expected to make any concessions unless equal concessions are guaranteed to Australia."

The Anglo-American trade agreement, according to press reports, is causing much concern both in Australia and Canada. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH MISSION TO PORTUGAL

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary told the Commons yesterday that a proposal to send to Portugal a British Military Mission of representatives of the three defence services was under consideration with the Portuguese Ambassador in London. No decision, however, had yet been reached. — British Wireless.

IMPRISONMENT OF BRITONS

London, To-day.

In a Commons answer on the imprisonment without trial in Bolivia since last January of two British subjects, Messrs. Ashton and Webster, the Foreign Secretary declared that the British Government did not regard such lengthy detention without trial as in any way warranted or consonant with justice. — British Wireless.

DENIAL OF BID FOR TRUCE

Paris, To-day.

The President of the Catalan Generalidad, Senior Luis Companys, returned to Barcelona from Brussels yesterday.

He denied in a press interview that he had been discussing truce terms with a third party in Brussels. — Trans-Ocean.

SPECULATION ON HALIFAX TRIP UNPROFITABLE

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister at Commons question time declined to make any statement or commit himself in the meantime to making a statement on the conversations during the visit to Germany of Lord Halifax whom he told the House he had not yet seen.

Later in the afternoon, the Lord President of Council, who had just returned to London, called at the Foreign Office and was with the Foreign Secretary for an hour.

At the conclusion of their conversation, Mr. Eden and Lord Halifax crossed Downing Street together to see Mr. Chamberlain.

It is understood that Lord Halifax will report on his talks with Herr Hitler and the other German minister to his colleagues at the usual meeting of the Cabinet on Wednesday.

No statement will be issued before that and in the meantime, speculation which is deprecated in official quarters, is bound to be particularly unprofitable. — British Wireless.

BRITISH GRANT FOR RELIEF IN SPAIN

London, To-day.

The United Kingdom Government have contributed \$5,000 in answer to the appeal of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva for funds for the relief of victims of the civil war in Spain.

The funds will be used for medical stores and hospital equipment to both sides.

The Red Cross Committee also interests itself in negotiations for the exchange of prisoners. — British Wireless.

ITALIAN ARMS FOR CHINA DENIAL

Rome, To-day.

"It is quite out of the question that Italy deliver arms to China," declares a semi-official statement.

The statement follows a press interview given in Brussels by the Chinese Minister of Propaganda, Mr. Chen Kung-pao, who is alleged to have stated, inter alia, that China was to be provided with arms and munitions from Italy. — Trans-Ocean.

PHILIP DE LASZLO PASSES

London, To-day.

Mr. Philip de Laszlo, the Hungarian-born portrait painter, who became a naturalised British subject in 1914, died yesterday at his home at Hampstead, aged 68. Laszlo who had painted King Edward VII and many other famous persons was elected President of the Royal Society of British Artists in 1930. — British Wireless.

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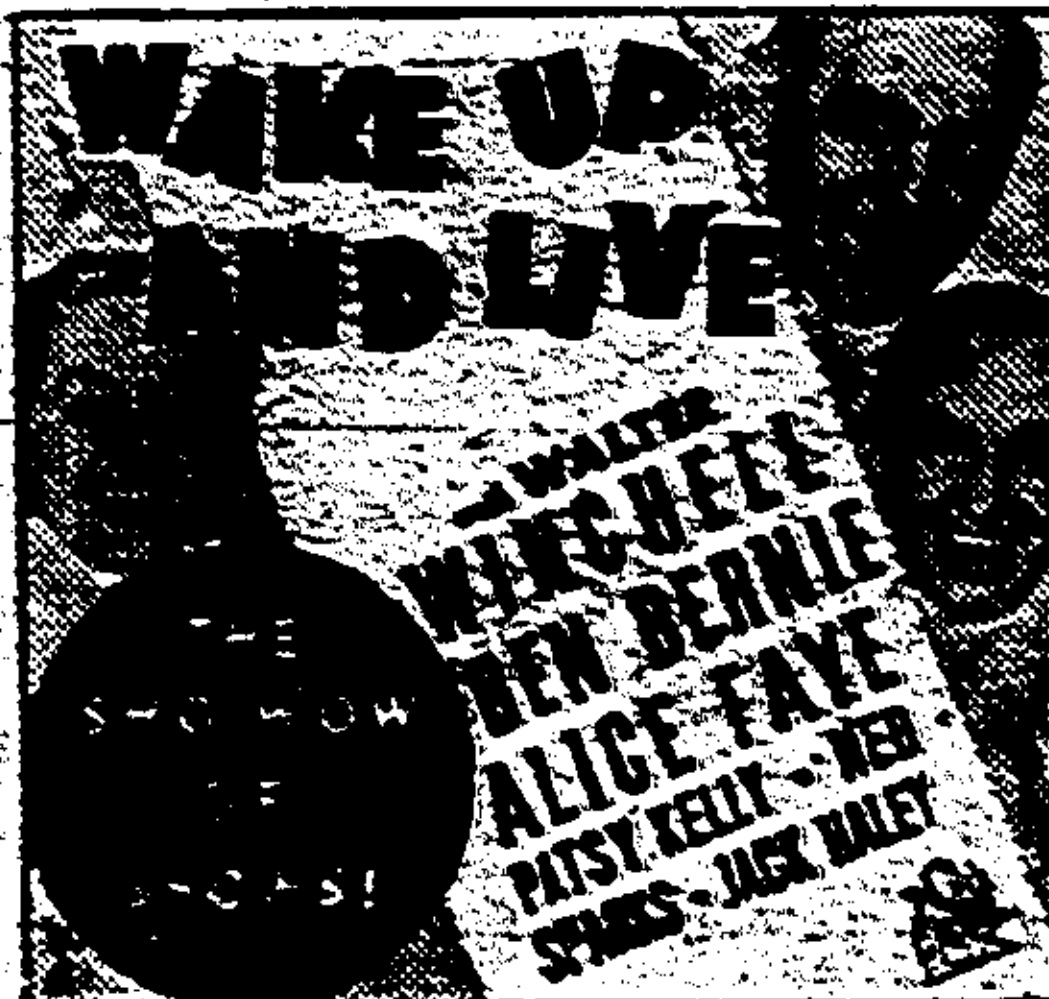
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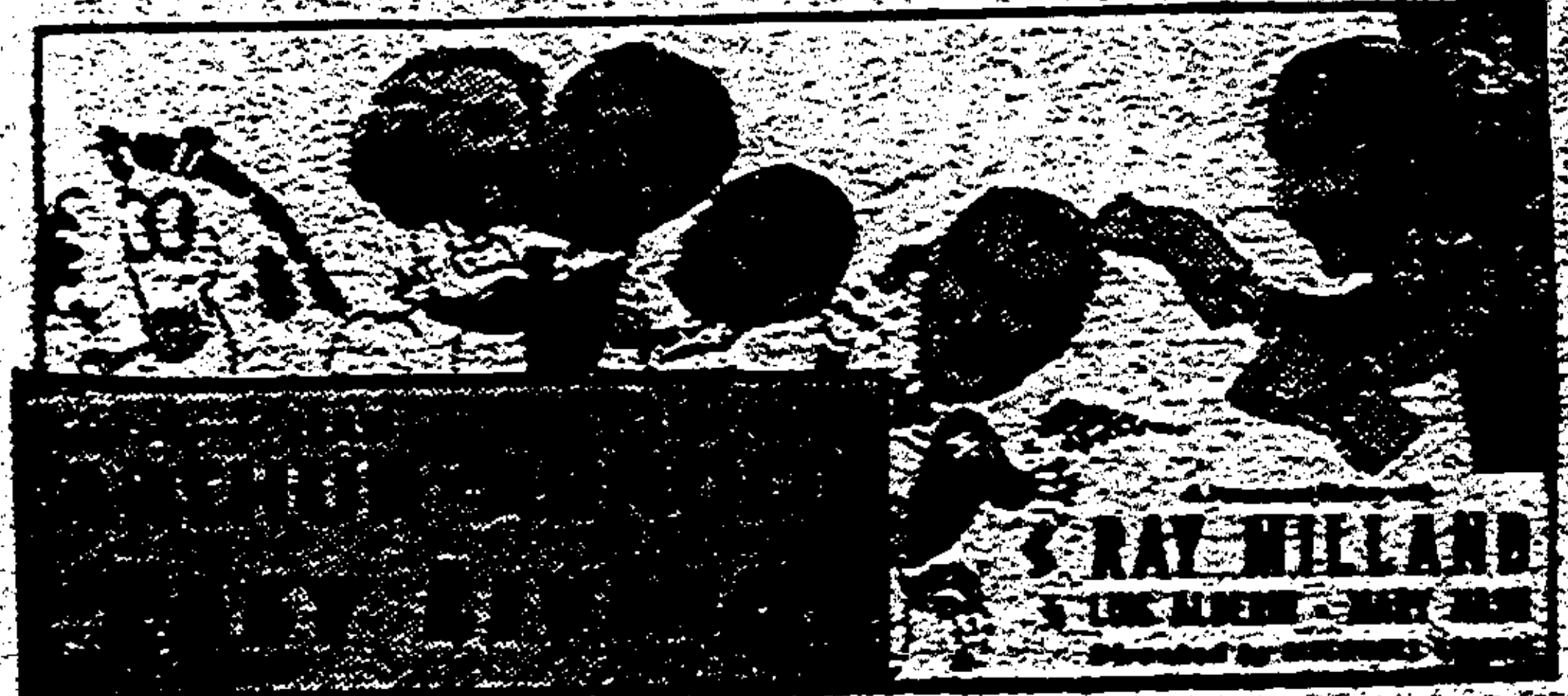
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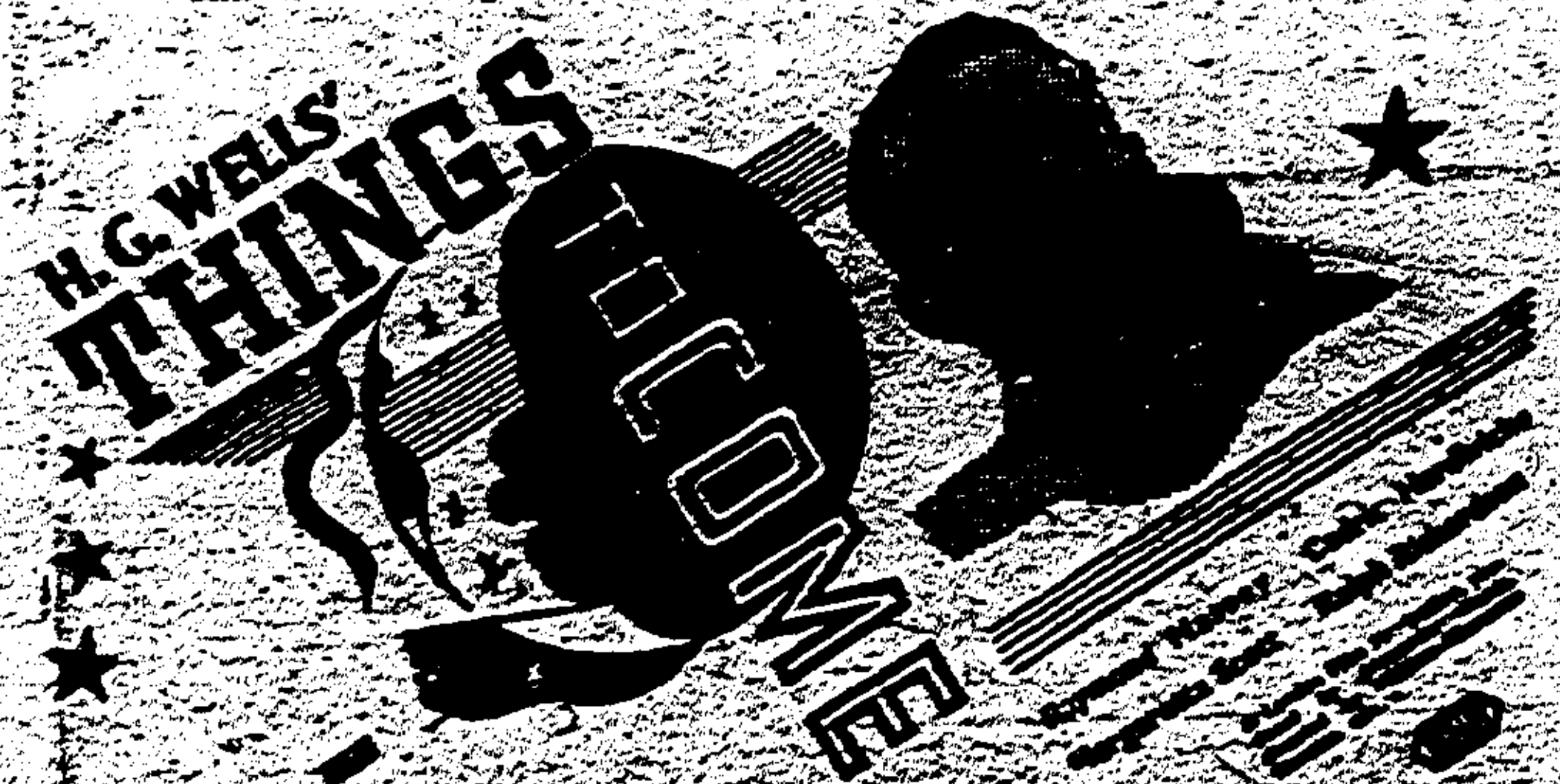
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FREIGHTER SUNK BY MINE WITH ALL HANDS

Barcelona, To-day.

A small Spanish freighter is reported to have sunk with all hands yesterday morning just after leaving Castellon harbour, 45 miles north of Valencia.

An explosion was heard just before she foundered, and while the cause has not yet been established, the possibility is that she struck a mine.—Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN AT WINDSOR

London, To-day.

The King and Queen, who spent the week-end at Royal Lodge, in Windsor Great Park, drove to Windsor Castle yesterday and spent an hour inspecting the alterations to the King's rooms in the private apartments.

Afterwards, their Majesties attended divine service in the Royal Chapel in Windsor Great Park.

In the afternoon, the King went shooting in Windsor Forest after fox had delayed the start of the shoot.—Reuter.



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FRENCH DELEGATE'S CANDID CONFESSION OF CONFERENCE'S FUTILITY

Brussels, To-day.

THE draft declaration of the Brussels Conference decides to suspend the Conference to allow time for an exchange of views, and to explore the methods of bringing about peaceful settlement, but suspension does not imply any diminution of interest by the Powers in the Far East. It finally provides that the meeting can be reconvened by the chairman or by any two members. There will probably be two sittings on Wednesday, the first at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, in order to complete the discussion and enable the Conference to adjourn.

Adjournment was decided on yesterday to give the Chinese delegates time to get a reply from their Government.

Dr. Wellington Koo's moving appeal was the feature of the private meeting of the Nine-Power Conference yesterday afternoon, but it is to be feared it fell on deaf ears.

As the French delegate remarked: "He is incontrovertible but what can we do?"

Great precautions were taken to keep the report secret, only a limited number of copies being issued, all numbered.

The report is divided into two parts, the first historical, the second the declaration by the whole Conference.

The historical portion was discussed yesterday afternoon and adopted in principle. It is a straightforward record of events leading up to the Conference, with the views, replies and previous declarations of the Conference appended.

THIRTEEN ARTICLES

The second part consists of thirteen articles which emphasise that international instruments constitute the framework of and safeguard security and peace.

They insist that Chinese military operations are purely defensive and that no solution forcibly imposed by any one nation upon another can constitute just and lasting peace, and any settlement must take into account the various interest concerned.

The declaration repudiates the suggestion of direct negotiations, and insists on the desirability of prompt suspension of hostilities.—Reuter.

SHAMEFACED SILENCE

Brussels, To-day.

Talking to foreign correspondents after yesterday's session of the Brussels Conference, Dr. Wellington Koo did not attempt to hide his disappointment at the Conference's attitude.

"The Conference is a failure," he declared, "unless the Powers decide to adopt more active measures on Wednesday."

Dr. Koo's impassioned speech to the Conference was received by the delegates in shamefaced silence.—Trans-Ocean.

ANTHONY EDEN WRIGGLES IN PARLIAMENT

London, To-day.

Mr. Arthur Henderson asked the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday whether, in accordance with the League Assembly's resolution on October 6, the Government had considered how far it individually could extend aid to China.

Whether he would state the extent of such aid, and whether the United States had been informed thereof, and informed that to such an extent the latter will receive the full co-operation of the British Government.

Mr. Eden regretted it was impossible to give detailed information on the matters as asked in the first part of the question, in respect of which decisions were being taken almost daily.

CLOSE TOUCH

As regards the last part of the question, it was a matter for individual action, and consequently not one for co-operation with other Powers, though naturally the British Government would keep in very close touch with the United States on all matters affecting the Far Eastern situation.

Mr. Henderson asked if the British Government was still prepared to go as far as the United States in helping China.

DALTON DEFINITION

Mr. Eden replied that he would rather like to see those words written, but he would remind the House that before the Brussels Conference he had accepted the definition given by Mr. Hugh Dalton, and that was still British Government policy.—Reuter.

ARAB TERRORIST LEADER CAUGHT

London, To-day.

Jerusalem press messages say that Sheikh Farhan Saadi has been arrested at Mazaar in Northern Palestine. Farhan Saadi is a terrorist leader who has eluded capture or about two years.—British Wireless.

FRENCH AIR FORCE DEMONSTRATION

Paris, To-day.

After covering an aggregate distance of 250,000 miles, 100 French military aircraft which have been flying to various outposts in the French colonies on a demonstration flight, have reached their destinations.

There was only one mishap, one machine being damaged on landing owing to the bad state of the airfield.—Reuter.

GRIM PICTURE OF SOOCHOW SAVAGERY

Shanghai, To-day.

It is estimated that over 1,000 bombs were dropped in Soochow by Japanese planes during the attack on the town.

The streets have not yet been rid of the dead and in some parts of the ruined town wounded soldiers and civilians can still be seen lying in the streets and among the debris.

Red Cross workers have been unable to cope with the demands upon them, and thus many wounded were long left moaning on the roadside.

Large quantities of medical supplies have been destroyed by the bombing of the town and there is now an acute shortage of these most needed materials.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. A. W. Holland, of Furness (Far East) Ltd. and Mr. R. B. Ashby, of Messrs. Dowell, were each fined \$2 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest for leaving their cars over the time limit allowed in the Central district.

DR. KOO'S INCONTROVERTIBLE ARGUMENT IN ACTION DEMAND Powers' "Earnest Exhortations To Armed Robber"

ELOQUENT PLEA FOR COMMON EFFORT AGAINST AGGRESSOR

Brussels, To-day.

Strong criticism of the draft report and an urgent and moving appeal for aid, were made by Dr. Wellington Koo, the chief Chinese delegate, at the meeting of the Nine-Power Conference yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Koo, who reserved the right to suggest certain amendments to the draft report, said the report merely reaffirmed general principles.

Nothing was done in regard to the common attitude which it had been suggested should be taken up by the Powers in their first declaration, and still less was done towards realisation of concrete measures for which he appealed to strengthen China's powers of resistance and stop Japanese aggression.

The conflict was a clear case of treaty breaking by one party against all the other parties, and the treaty breaker not only continued to disregard the stipulations of the Treaty but persisted in using armed force to maintain and prolong his acts of violation.

The task of the Conference was clear, namely, to consider what would be their common attitude in such a situation.

FUTILITY OF RESOLUTIONS

The Conference had tried every course of conciliation in asking Japan to abandon her policy of force and accept the method of peaceful negotiation for settlement of the conflict, but neither impartial reasoning, friendly persuasion nor subtle accommodation in regard to procedure had been able to move here in her uncompromising attitude.

It was obvious to the Chinese delegation that mere words could produce no result.

Without positive action, direct or indirect, declarations and resolutions, though earnest in spirit, could not be effective.

The present situation was like a case of armed robbery, where words of earnest exhortation or friendly remonstrance serve only to convey an impression of fear and weakness.

WORDS IMPOTENT

In the face of rabid raging international violence, mere words were impotent to restore peace and justice.

Events in the world in the past two years had demonstrated that reluctance and refusal on the part of Powers who desire to uphold law and order in international relations to make a positive contribution by concerted action, tended to encourage rather than deter the forces of violence and disorder.

DOUBLE PURPOSE

After dwelling on China's efforts for four years to secure peaceful settlement of outstanding questions with Japan, Dr. Koo said they were fighting for the double purpose of defending their territory, sovereignty and even their national existence, and upholding the principles of international law and morality and

the sanctity of treaties.

Dr. Koo said that China's resources were limited and the results of Chinese efforts could not but be modest, but he assured them she would continue to do her utmost to discharge her obligations, not only as a signatory of the Nine-Power Treaty and the Kellogg Pact but as a peace-loving member of the family of nations.

POWERS' CONTRIBUTION?

The other Powers, with one exception, had all declared that the present conflict in the Far East concerned in law all countries party to the Nine-Power Treaty and the Kellogg Pact, and concerned in fact all countries members of the family of nations.

"Will you not then, with your unlimited resources, power, and strength, contribute your share by some positive action, even though it may be indirect to the cause of upholding the principles of law and order and world security and peace,

or do you really believe that simple declarations of principles and the highest professions of faith in the pledged word will be sufficient to make one and the other observed and respected in the world?

"By refusing to aid China, do you mean that she should cease to resist aggression, or that she could resist indefinitely without adequate means?

NO DISTINCTION?

"After clearly and emphatically establishing the difference in law between the policy of Japan and China in the present conflict, do you still wish to make no distinction in fact in your treatment of them between the aggressor and the victim, as your refusal to cease contributing to Japan's material and economic resources for continuing aggression against China would seem to indicate?

"The Chinese delegation believes that solidarity of purpose must be followed by solidarity of action.

RIGHT TO CLAIM

"China believes that she has the right to claim that a common effort be made by the other Powers signatories to the Nine Power

—BOGOMOLOFF— REPLACED

Moscow, To-day.

M. Luganets Erelsky has been appointed Soviet Ambassador to China in succession to M. Bogomoloff.—Reuter.

Treaty, with a view not only to making the Treaty honoured but in the general interests of right, order and world peace."

Dr. Koo concluded by reserving the right to submit amendments after the report was referred to the Chinese Government and definite instructions had been received.—Reuter.

LORD HALIFAX CONFERS WITH MR. EDEN

London, To-day.

The Lord President of the Council, Lord Halifax, returned to London yesterday afternoon, and it is expected that a statement will be made in the House of Commons to-day (Tuesday) regarding his visit to Germany. Lord Halifax conferred last night with the Foreign Secretary,

CHINA'S BID FOR PEACE AT BEGINNING

London, To-day.

Replying to Mr. Will Thorne (Labour, Plaistow) in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Nine-Power Conference had considered correspondence between the Chinese and Japanese Foreign Ministers in regard to the Sino-Japanese clash at the Marco Polo Bridge, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said the Chinese delegate had not brought any such correspondence before the Conference.

The Conference did not find it necessary to investigate a detailed history of the conflict, which had been already considered by the League Assembly, but the salient point in the correspondence, namely, the Chinese Government's expression of its readiness to seek a solution of the dispute by pacific means, was given renewed expression by the Chinese delegates and was taken into due account by the Conference in its proceedings.—Reuter.

Mr. Anthony Eden, after which both statesmen saw the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The Cabinet will consider Lord Halifax's report on his talks with Herr Hitler on Wednesday, pending which no statement will be forthcoming.—Reuter.

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Admiral Little's "Congratulation" To Matsui

QUESTION IN THE COMMONS

London, To-day.

THE surprising suggestion was made, and promptly denied, in the House of Commons yesterday that Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief, China Station, had congratulated General Matsui, the Japanese commander-in-chief, on the Japanese military success in the Shanghai area.

The suggestion was put in a question to the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. Duff Cooper, by Mr. George Strauss (Labour, North Lambeth).

Replying for the First Lord, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, said that Admiral Little had not congratulated General Matsui on the Japanese military success, and that therefore the question did not arise.

Mr. Strauss then asked if the information was given out by the official Japanese press agency, both by telegraph and radio, and if he would take steps to deny this both to the Japanese and Chinese Governments.

Mr. Shakespeare replied: "This question and answer will do that." —Reuter.

REBEL AIR RAID ON ALICANTE

Barcelona, To-day.

Thirty-two were killed, sixteen of them children, and 87 injured, in a Nationalist air raid on Alicante in the early hours of Saturday, says the Ministry of National Defence.

The working class sections of the town suffered the most. —Reuter.

JAPAN PAYS NO COMPENSATION TO AMBASSADOR

London, To-day.

"No compensation has been paid by the Japanese Government to the British Ambassador to China," said the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday in reply to a question from Commander O. S. Locker-Lampson (Conservative, Handsworth).

The Foreign Secretary recalled that none had been demanded by the British Government.

Commander Locker-Lampson asked if this was not an occasion when we ought to ask for compensation for our representative's loss of health and injury.

Mr. Eden replied in the negative.

After careful consideration the British Government thought it more consonant with the importance of the occasion to make the compensation themselves. —Reuter.

AIR RAID ON HONAN AERODROME

Kaifeng, To-day.

The second air-raid on Chow-chiakow in central Honan occurred yesterday afternoon, when six Japanese bombers escorted by three pursuit planes visited the town, dropping bombs on the hangars which were damaged in the first and earlier raid.

One of the bombers was brought down by Chinese rifle fire, when it swooped down very low to loose its bombs. —Our Own Correspondent.

LOOTING AT HUNGJAO: EDEN LACKING IN INFORMATION

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, in a written answer in the House of Commons yesterday, said he had not received reports that Japanese troops had looted houses in the Hungjao Road district of Shanghai occupied by Britishers.

Mr. Eden was replying to a question from Mr. W. Gallacher (Conservative, West Fife).

Reports that Mr. Eden had received of looting in this district concerned retreating Chinese troops.

His Majesty's representatives had done everything possible to protect British property and compensation would be claimed in every case in which the claim was justified. —Reuter.

JAPANESE LOSE THREE BOMBERS

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese planes have taken to the air again after an absence of three days, and have been consistently bombing the Chinese positions on all fronts.

The Japanese admit that three of their bombers failed to return to the base. —Our Own Correspondent.



Photo taken after the wedding at St. Margaret's Church on Saturday, of Miss Lindamira de Souza and Mr. Matthews Jose Medina. ("Mail" photo).

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

GOOD news for you, sir, if you have no hair on your chest! And for you, madam, if your chins recede!

For science, bless its little automatic heart, has been exploding a number of rather personal fallacies.

Let us start at the top and work our way down.

A high forehead, mother taught us, was a sign of intelligence and culture, and she sighed when she looked at us.

There was, hurrah! no need. Dr. Hrdlicka, anthropologist of the Smithsonian Institution in the States, after exhaustive experiments on high and low brows, measuring from the nasal depression to the hair line, has come to the conclusion that there isn't an atom of truth in the idea.

If there is, he adds, we must acknowledge the Eskimo as "tops" in the intellectual world. The fallacy is based on another fallacy — namely, that people with large heads have more brains than those with small.

Equally wrong, explains a physician in the "American Mercury," is the idea that men and women with receding chins lack the courage of their squarer-jawed contemporaries.

Novels, and nearly all the early Wild West films, fostered this faith in the granite jaw. But Science now declares that many a hero's chin has receded badly, while hundreds of jaws have jutted from the pale features of cowards!

As for the more ticklish question of hair on the chest, forget the sad story of Samson, and listen to Dr. August Thomen.

"Some of the hairiest persons," he says, "are found to be constitutionally the weakest. Great physical strength is in no way associated with hairiness."

Fish is good for the brain.

It isn't true that meat should be more thoroughly chewed than bread, vegetables or fruit.

The reverse is the truth, in fact. The digestion of bread begins in the mouth and, if not chewed, will not be mixed with ptyalin, essential to its successful digestion.

But meat is a protein itself, so the chewing is, therefore, not essential.

It isn't true that some people are double-jointed, because there isn't such a thing as a double joint.

Acrobats and contortionists are people who have permanently stretched the ligaments which hold together the ends of bones forming the various joints — usually as a result of special exercises in childhood.

It isn't even true that a drowning person comes to the surface three times before sinking.

As a general rule, the drowner goes down once — and for all. Equally it is possible for a drowning person to come to the surface half a dozen times, the specific gravity of the human body being only slightly greater than that of water.

It isn't true, they tell me, that at the moment of death all your past life flashes before you.

Just another fallacy, claims Science.

But how do they know it doesn't? Death is for all of us the last Experiment.

And not even Science is going to convince me it has "correlated all the available data!"

JAPANESE DEMAND FOR SHANGHAI CUSTOMS CONTROL

"Maintaining Service Of Foreign Loans"

APPARENTLY THE SOLE CONSIDERATION

Shanghai, To-day.

In connection with the Japanese demand for control of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Shanghai, the "North China Daily News" says in a leading article that announcement of certain Japanese intentions towards the administrative offices of the Chinese Government still operating in Shanghai, indicates recognition of the international issues involved, especially as regards the Customs.

The interests of the Japanese themselves, declares the journal, are best served by special considerations of this kind, but it will be necessary for the various authorities concerned to give the matter close attention, lest lack of foresight unnecessarily complicate an already difficult situation to the further detriment of the basic commercial and financial arrangements vital to international relations which the Japanese policy aims at respecting.

FOREIGN LOANS

The Customs revenue is set apart for service of foreign loans, and it appears to be the purpose of the Japanese authorities that this function should continue to be discharged.

The Japanese desire to assert de facto right through military control regarding only the surplus accruing after this primary obligation is fulfilled.

The whole question of disposal of Customs revenue obviously requires the careful consideration of the other Governments, and it is hoped that the Japanese Government will agree to a workable scheme and will discourage precipitate action which later would be regretted.

Doubtless, discussions are already going on between the Japanese and other Powers concerned.

NEED FOR CAUTION

A satisfactory feature of the situation is that while the Japanese military authorities show a desire to ensure that operations will not be hampered by Chinese organs in the foreign areas, they recognise the need for caution regarding certain institutions such as the Customs and other departmental offices.

It is important that the service of foreign loans should be maintained, and the lawful occupations of neutrals not interfered with.

JUST SOLUTION

The Japanese Government has consistently maintained its solicitude for the interests of neutrals, so that there is all the more ground for confidence in the competence of diplomatic discussions in finding an amicable and just solution.

This pronouncement by the "North China Daily News" seems to show that local foreign circles are obviously trying to keep the whole question calm for the time being, though firmer steps may be taken later. —Trans-Ocean.

GARDEN ROAD SMASH SEQUEL

For driving car No. 3688 in Garden Road yesterday while under the influence of drink Kurt Gerloff, of Jebson and Co. was fined \$200 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant pleaded guilty and said he had been celebrating his birthday.

Inspector Saunders said that at about 3.45 p.m. yesterday, defendant, after driving westwards along Queen's Road East, turned into Garden Road at an exceptionally fast speed and crashed into a taxi coming in the opposite direction, ripping the side of the taxi and badly damaging his own car from the off side. The officer on point duty tried to stop him, but defendant carried on, swerving from side to side of the road till he reached the Cathedral when the car was brought to a standstill owing to the collapse of one of his wheels. Inspector Saunders pressed for a heavy sentence saying it was a very serious case, and asked that the maximum fine of \$250 be imposed, and that a recommendation for the suspension of the licence for at least a year be made.

His Worship did not recommend a suspension of the licence.

JAPANESE DEMANDS IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Among the sovereign rights claimed by the Japanese in Shanghai is control over administration of justice.

This raises the interesting question of legal status of those foreigners who, like the Germans, have no extraterritorial rights.

It is assumed that Japanese jurisdiction over these foreigners would hardly be recognised by the Powers in question.

The Japanese authorities hitherto have not defined their attitude on this question. —Trans-Ocean.

HUGE CRAFT FOR IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

London, To-day.

Imperial Airways have already placed orders for a number of huge flyingboats for the trans-Atlantic air service planned to begin in 1940.

The flyingboats are to carry 70 passengers and 50 cwt. of freight and to attain an average speed of 200 miles an hour. —Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET NOTE TO JAPAN

London, To-day.

The Moscow correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that the Soviet Ambassador to Tokyo has delivered to the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, a Note protesting against "the direct appeal for war with Russia, and other gross anti-Soviet attacks" made by General Araki, member of the Supreme War Council, in an interview with a Tokyo newspaper correspondent.

The note adds that such anti-Soviet activities are inadmissible in a person occupying a responsible official position.

The Russian General Staff organ, the "Red Star," warns Tokyo that Russia will not stay neutral if the Japanese armies, after conquering the Inner Mongolian provinces, adhere to their present plan of attacking the Soviet's ally, Outer Mongolia. —Reuter.

TSINANFU LOSES HALF ITS POPULATION

Berlin, To-day.

The situation in Tsinanfu, capital of Shangtung, is described by the special correspondent of the "12-Uhr Blatt," who reports that about a half of the population of over 500,000 has already left the city.

No papers appear, and all theatres and other places of amusement have been closed.

The streets of this normally busy city at present are deserted, and business is at a standstill.

A few foreigners, including the German consul and other Germans, are still in Tsinan. —Trans-Ocean.

SECRET GENEVA ROYALIST GATHERING

Geneva, To-day.

International complications are feared as the result of the conference of over 1,000 supporters of the French Royalist movement, held secretly in Geneva a few days ago.

The conference, which had not met with the favour of the Swiss authorities, has led to reported measures to expel the Comte de Paris, eldest son of the Duc de Guise, Pretender to the French throne, from Switzerland.

The Comte de Paris and his father both live in Brussels, but came to Switzerland to attend the conference, which was held in an isolated country house rented by the leader of the Royalist organisation in Upper Savoy, Baron Chaulin.

The complications have ensued following the reported intention of the Comte de Paris to issue, in his father's name, a manifesto calling on the people of France to support a Restoration. —Trans-Ocean.

CHAMBERLAIN WELCOMES APPEAL

London, To-day.

A cordial response to the King of the Belgians' appeal for a British lead in seeking a solution of the world's troubles, was given by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Chamberlain said the appeal commanded the entire sympathy of the British Government, which was fully prepared to play its part in the search for a solution of the world's major economic difficulties. —Reuter.



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In the press of international strife and our absorption in foreign affairs generally, it is not unnatural that Britain's domestic problems should, in this Colony, receive scant attention, even when a brief study reveals the importance of the modern trend in politics. Mr. Arthur Greenwood, in a speech the other day, proclaimed that the National Government was at last on the down-grade and Socialism in the ascendant. There is no evidence of it in the party sense, either in the House of Commons or in the country. But there is a striking suggestion of a leaning in that direction in legislation to be introduced in this session of Parliament by what is, in actuality, a Tory Government.

Something like a dozen measures of national consequence are to be considered before the end of the session, and the two most important, both in their nature and in the possibilities of controversy which they offer, are certain to be dubbed as Bank Socialism by the Die-Hards whilst they are being subjected to the severest onslaughts on the Opposition side of the House. One calls for the reorganisation of the coal industry by the nationalisation of royalties, and the other for national control of the electricity supply. The coal bill is to be comprehensive. It will provide not only for the unification of royalties under national control at a cost of £66,450,000, the amount fixed by the recent tribunal, but also for amalgamations of collieries by the Reorganisation Commission and the continuation of the quota and selling schemes. There has been a general welcome for the scheme to unify royalties, but the price decided upon will certainly be condemned by the Socialists and the Socialistic principle of the scheme at a whole will certainly be challenged. More strenuous controversy must be anticipated and from the Government benches over the proposals for compulsory amalgamations.

When a sketch of the Government's plans for the concentration of the electricity undertakings of the country into 16 groups was published in May it aroused immediate criticism. The official plans are based upon the

new Report which was published from Oxford, because it intends the ultimate control of electricity distribution by public bodies while providing for interim transfers of some municipal undertakings to private companies. Last session the Minister of Transport declared that the Government was resolved to frame its legislation on the principles of the report. There may be modification to meet some of the objections, but the electricity bill, like the coal bill, seems likely to produce long and strenuous debates for the very reason that both cut clean across party lines and tackle their problems realistically without special regard for political theory.

Oxford Yankee

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, in dealing with their first film to be made in Britain, should be "A Yank at Oxford," earn the respect that is always accorded to those who aim high. In sending over Mr. Robert Taylor to take the chief role in the picture they have obeyed Emerson's advice to "hitch their wagon to a star," and in attempting to interpret Oxford to the world they are essaying a task that no artist either in films or any other form of fiction has hitherto succeeded in fulfilling. Oxford has played a large part in English literature. It has formed the subject of admirable modern verse by such writers as Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, Mr. Humbert Wolfe, Mr. Gerald Gould, Mr. Charles Graves, and in the past John Wychiffe, Matthew Arnold and scores of others have praised it in many a noble passage.

In commending life at Oxford, English authors have been notably successful; but in showing it in the form of fiction they have been notably less triumphant. "Tom Brown at Oxford" is not as good as "Tom Brown's School-days." And the most ambitious English film of university life, "Men of Tomorrow," was in some respects disappointing.

But with "Cavalcade" and some of its historical successors the American film industry has shown itself uniquely capable of entering into the temper of English life and of rendering it upon the screen. Perhaps, in tackling its present difficult subject, it will repeat its earlier triumphs, and in so doing, help to cement still further that Anglo-American friendship which is based on mutual understanding.

The Lowly W.P.B.

Among all the great good things that stand and wait to serve unobtrusively, the wastepaperbasket has uses that justify an ode in the pedestrian prose of the editorial. Of all the files, the wastepaperbasket is the most useful and generally the most accurate. The wastepaperbasket is not only a solution of clutter. It is a symbol of the brave crossing of the Rubicon of decision. Who has not been turned into a vacillating, wracked thinker by documents accumulating in heaps in drawers or window sills? To throw or not to throw, this comes the question. Certainly the wastepaperbasket should not be graced on occasional purity, nor, above all, it should not be graced a goodly share of the contents of most desks.

JAPANESE REACH KIANGYIN OUTSKIRTS

Fall Of Wusih, Unconfirmed, Apparently Untrue
JAPANESE USE PLANES TO KEEP TROOPS SUPPLIED

CHIANG'S CONDITIONS FOR PEACE

London, To-day.

General Chiang Kai-shek discussed conditions under which China would be prepared to make peace with Japan, in an interview with the Nanking correspondent of "The Times" published in that journal yesterday.

The Generalissimo stated that China could only conclude peace within the framework of the Nine-Power Treaty.

The Powers represented at Brussels had recognised the legality of China's action, and it was up to them to enforce the provisions of that Treaty by refusing all assistance of any kind to Japan.

General Chiang emphatically denied rumours of divergencies within the Central Government, and stressed that a spirit of union permeated the entire Chinese nation in a manner unprecedented in history. — Trans-Ocean.

RING OF FORTIFICATIONS ROUND NANKING

Nanking, To-day.

A ring of fortifications is being constructed round Nanking at a radius of about twenty kilometres.

The population is being evacuated steadily in order that the Japanese will have no grounds for attacking and destroying the city.

The flood of refugees which has continued for a week, is ebbing somewhat, as the city gradually empties itself. Eighty per cent. of all shops and business houses have closed.

The German Embassy has provided those members of the German Colony who have chosen to remain to protect their possessions, with special identification notices to hang in front of their houses. — Trans-Ocean.

TUNIS STRIKE

Paris, To-day.

Bus and tram employees went out on strike in Tunis yesterday. The employees are demanding wage increases. — Trans-Ocean.

WOEFUL SHANGHAI PREDICTION

Shanghai, To-day.

Yesterday's claim by the Japanese that they had occupied part of Wusih remains unconfirmed, nothing being mentioned in their military communique issued this morning.

However, it was reliably learned this morning that some Chinese troops have withdrawn from Wusih to a defence line outside the town, where the Chinese line is stated to stretch about 40 miles across the hills to the southern outskirts of Kiangyin.

Chinese reports state that they are at present only delaying the Japanese to enable completion of unfinished defence structures across the country. When this has been done, they will all retire to the prepared positions.

Chinese reports also announce that Kiangyin was heavily shelled by Japanese warships which moved further up the Yangtze yesterday afternoon.

The Chinese artillery is replying shell for shell, but whether any hits have been made on any of the invading vessels, cannot be ascertained.

KIANGYIN BATTLE NEARS

The Japanese shells have, however, been responsible for the deaths of over 200 Chinese troops. Japanese troops have reached within striking distance of Kiangyin, along the eastern and north-eastern outskirts of which hand-to-hand fighting was reported this morning.

A late unconfirmed report states that part of the Kiangyin is in ruins. — Our Own Correspondent.

SUPPLIES BY PLANE

Shanghai, To-day.

Employing this device for the first time since the conflict began, Japanese planes yesterday dropped supplies to the Japanese troops who are relentlessly pushing on to Nanking.

The Japanese claim to occupation of Wusih, known as the "Manchester of China," is still unconfirmed, but if true would mark the passing of the greatest industrial centre in the country, a centre second only to Shanghai.

Meanwhile, the Japanese forces advancing along the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway have reached a point only about 30 miles from Hangchow.

It is reported that 60 Chinese who have "incurred the displeasure" of the Japanese, are down on their black list.

FEAR OF ARREST

While some of those in Shanghai have already left, others are too terrified to go even by British ships,

fearing that the Japanese may go aboard and seize them.

This fear persists in spite of assurances by the shipping companies that such action would be out of the question.

FOREIGN CONCERN

Some foreign observers believe that Chinese withdrawal from Wusih would mean disintegration of the Chinese forces, and declare they would not be surprised if in that event the Japanese flag flies in Nanking within three weeks.

They also expect the Japanese to extend their advance to include Wuhu, and then to call a halt while they seek to negotiate peace terms with a responsible Chinese authority.

Failing this, they may establish a new Chinese administration in Nanking, with officials brought down from North China.

NANKING DETERMINED

But whatever happens, the present administration seems determined to continue resistance.

The Central Government is reorganising the army and is strengthening it from the man power of the provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kweichow, Hunan, Hupeh and Szechuen, from which the bulk of China's best fighting material is drawn. — Reuter.

NEUTRAL ZONE FOR NANKING?

Nanking, To-day.
A plan is being formulated by the foreign Embassies and Chinese officials for creation of a neutral zone at Nanking. The plan will be submitted shortly to the Japanese command. — Reuter.

UNPALATABLE QUESTIONS ON SHANGHAI

London, To-day.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn in the House of Commons yesterday sought from the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, an assurance that the conditions under which the International Settlement of Shanghai was held and administered would be in no way varied without the Chinese Government's consent.

Mr. Eden replied that the Settlement was administered under land regulations which could not be modified without the Chinese Government's consent.

Mr. Benn asked if the House was to understand that the demands apparently made by the Japanese General at Shanghai cannot be accepted.

DIFFERENT QUESTION

Mr. Eden said: "That is a different question. My answer has been carefully drafted and I think will be found to cover the question."

Mr. Benn asked if he meant that the Shanghai Municipality would be in no way made agents for the Japanese army in pursuance of their policy.

Mr. Eden said that those were important questions and he would prefer to see them on paper. — Reuter.

Those who know—
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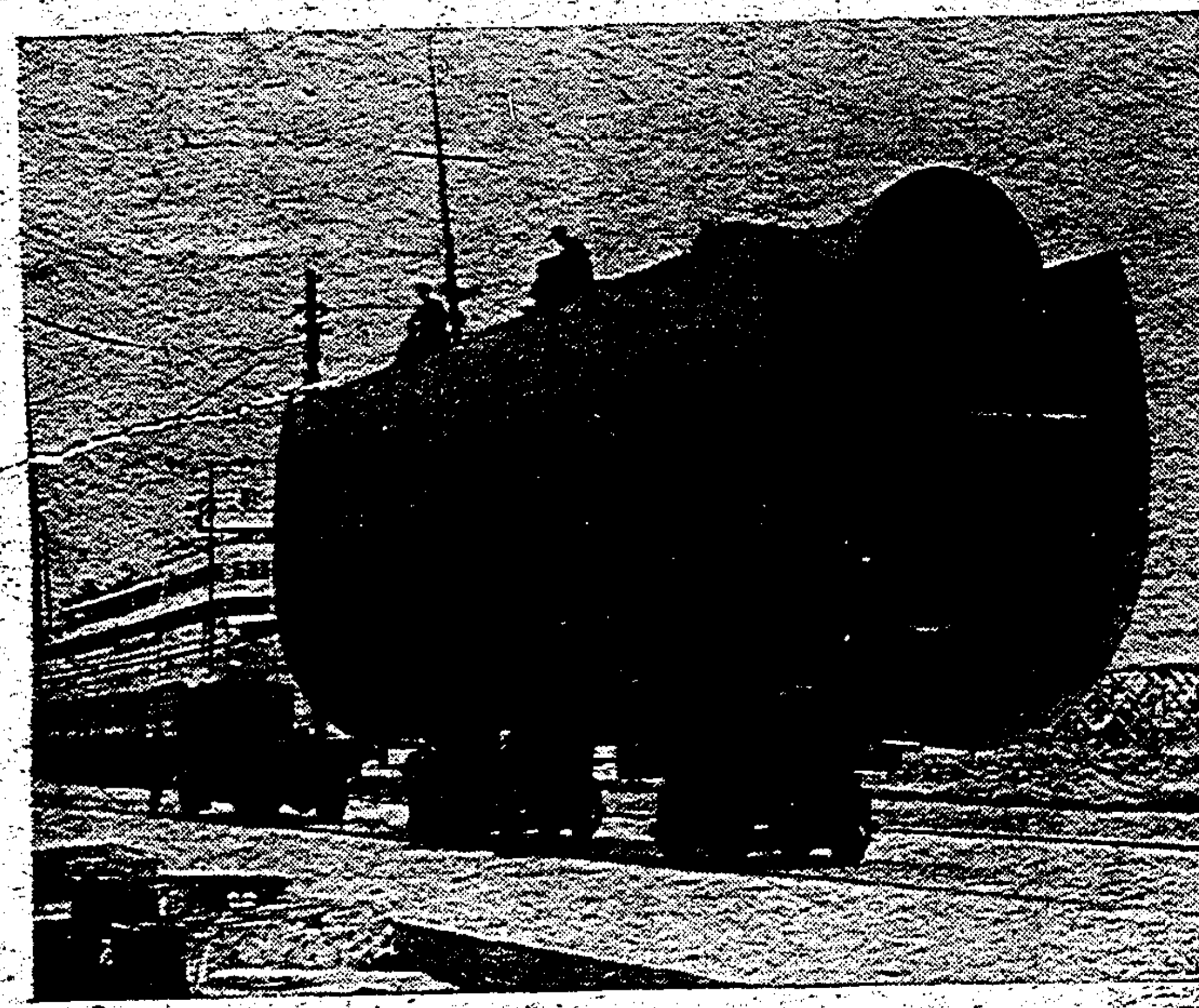
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JAPAN AND INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT

Sir Alfred Knox's Naive Question

London, To-day.
Major-General Sir Alfred Knox (Conservative, Wycombe) asked in the House of Commons yesterday if Mr. Eden was aware that in the recent operations in the neighbourhood of Shanghai the Japanese had done their best to spare foreign business and residential areas of the International Settlement, and that if they would approach the Japanese Government with a view to obtaining security for Chinese refugees and return to their normal occupations.

MR. EDEN ON BRUSSELS' AIM

London, To-day.
The Foreign Secretary, questioned in the Commons about the application of pressure in connection with the Far Eastern dispute, reminded the House that the object the Powers concerned were pursuing was the basis of the work of the Brussels conference which was still in session.
In another answer on the same matter, Mr. Eden emphasised the close touch the British Government kept with the United States Government on all matters affecting the situation in the Far East.—British Wireless.

It is understood that the cable lines from Hong Kong to Shanghai and Manila has been restored.

The Foreign Secretary replied that it was premature at the present stage to attempt final judgment on the point raised in the first part of the question.

Regarding the second part, it was not clear that any initiative on the part of the British Government was called for.

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The matter was firstly one for the Municipal authorities in the International Settlement.

He feared it probable that to a large extent it was still physically impossible for the refugees to return to their normal occupations.

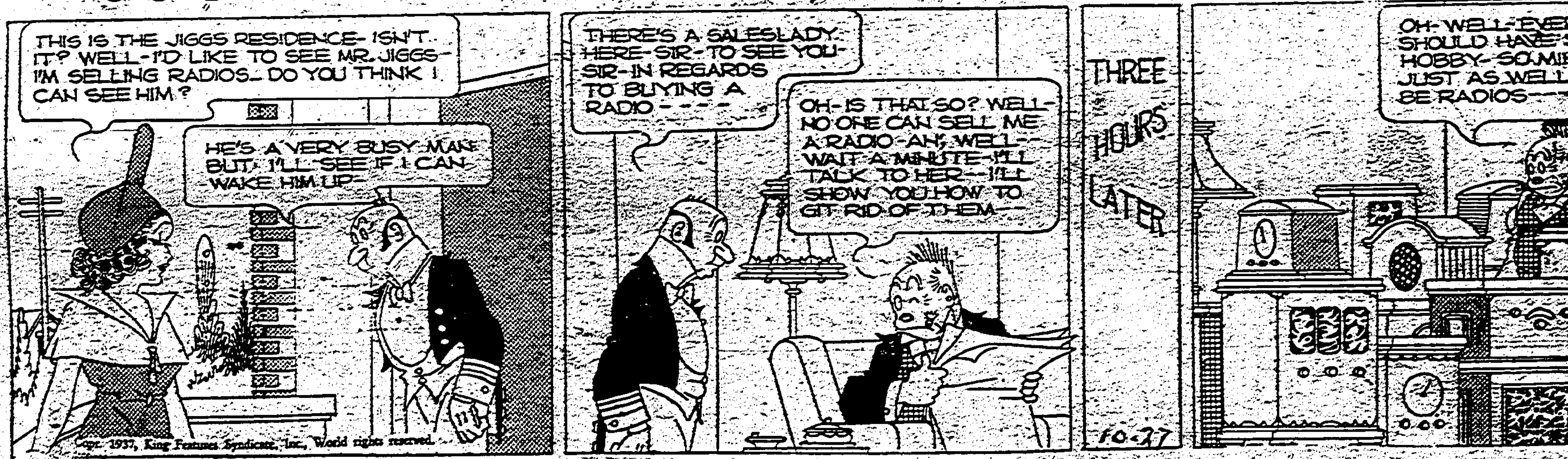
NOTICE ASKED

Lt.-Commander R. T. H. Fletcher (Labour, Nuneaton) asked whether any information had been received from the Japanese Government that they intended to take over the International Settlement and French Concession, and all those Governmental functions hitherto exercised by the Chinese Government.

Mr. Eden asked notice of the question.—Reuter.

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There are 26 tons of steel in this section of one of the new funnels for the Union Castle liner Windsor Castle, which is now being re-engined by Messrs. Harland and Wolff at Belfast. When the after section is added the funnel will weigh 37 tons. Photo shows—The section of the funnel with the Windsor Castle in the background. (Fox Copyright).

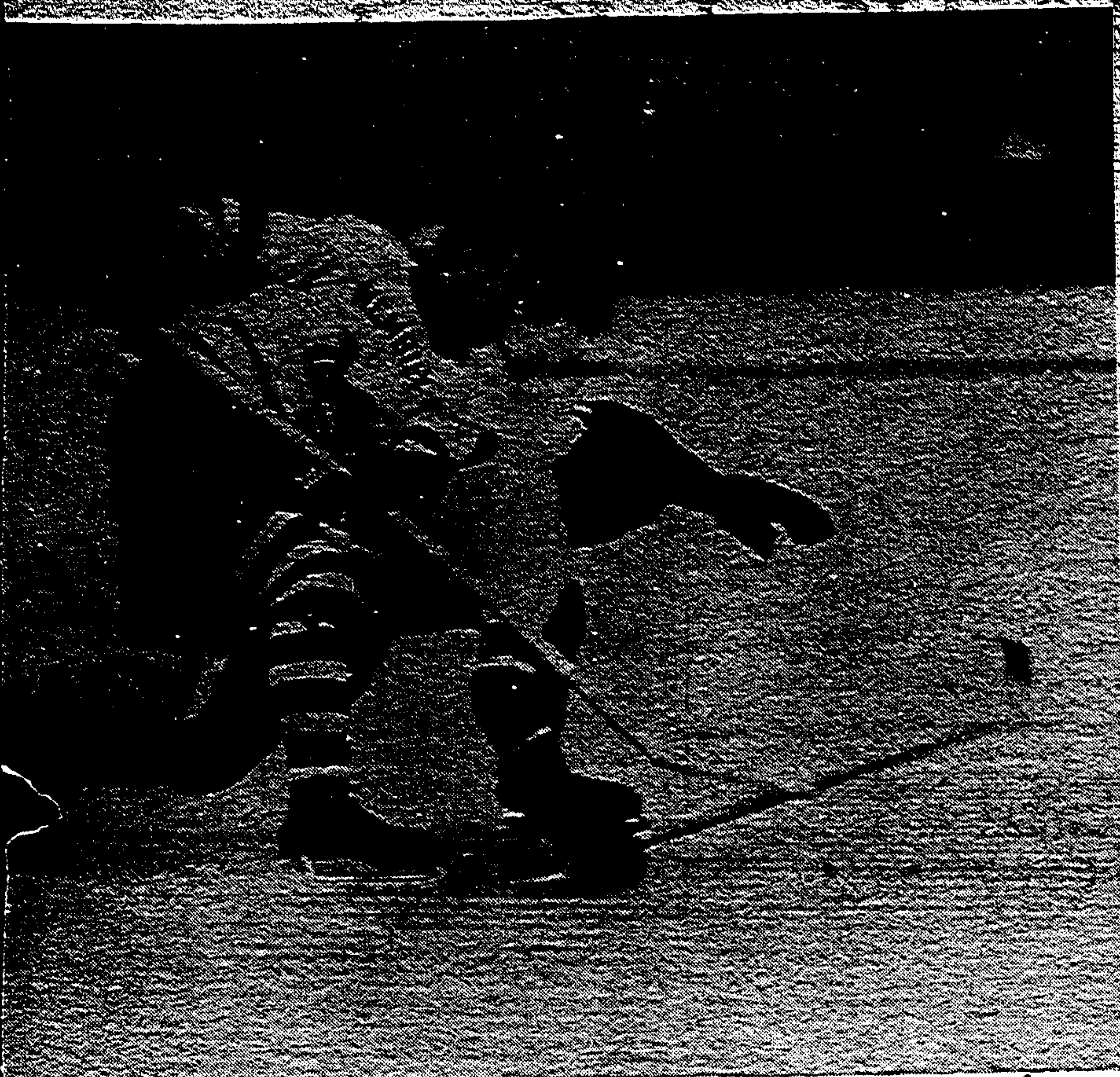
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IONAL SETTLEMENT



Ice hockey teams are now nearly complete and members of the Lions and Monarchs their first practice on the ice at the Empire Pool. They will not have another opportunity at Wembley until just before the opening. Photo shows—Members of the Wembley teams on the ice at Wembley Pool. (Fox Copyright).



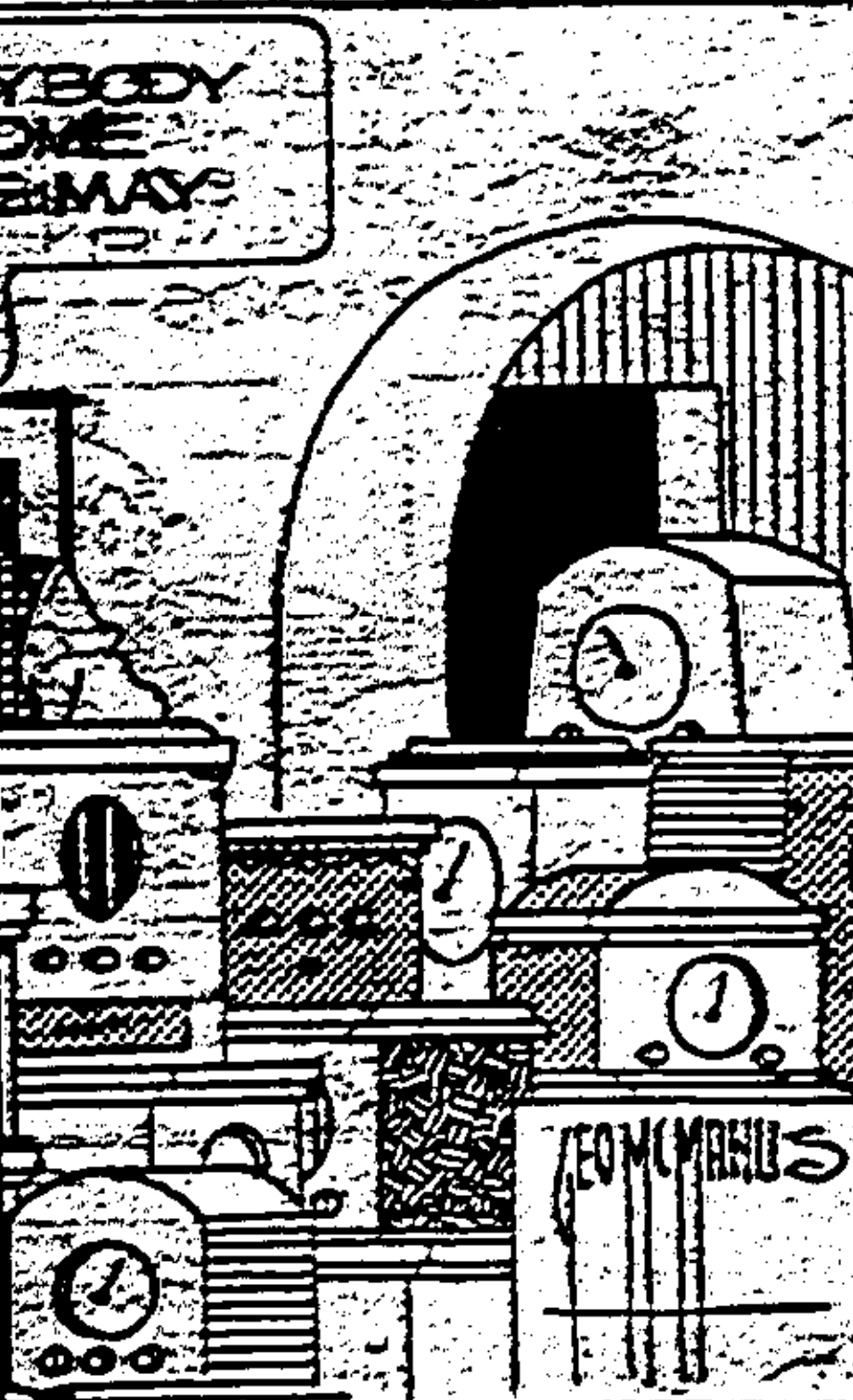
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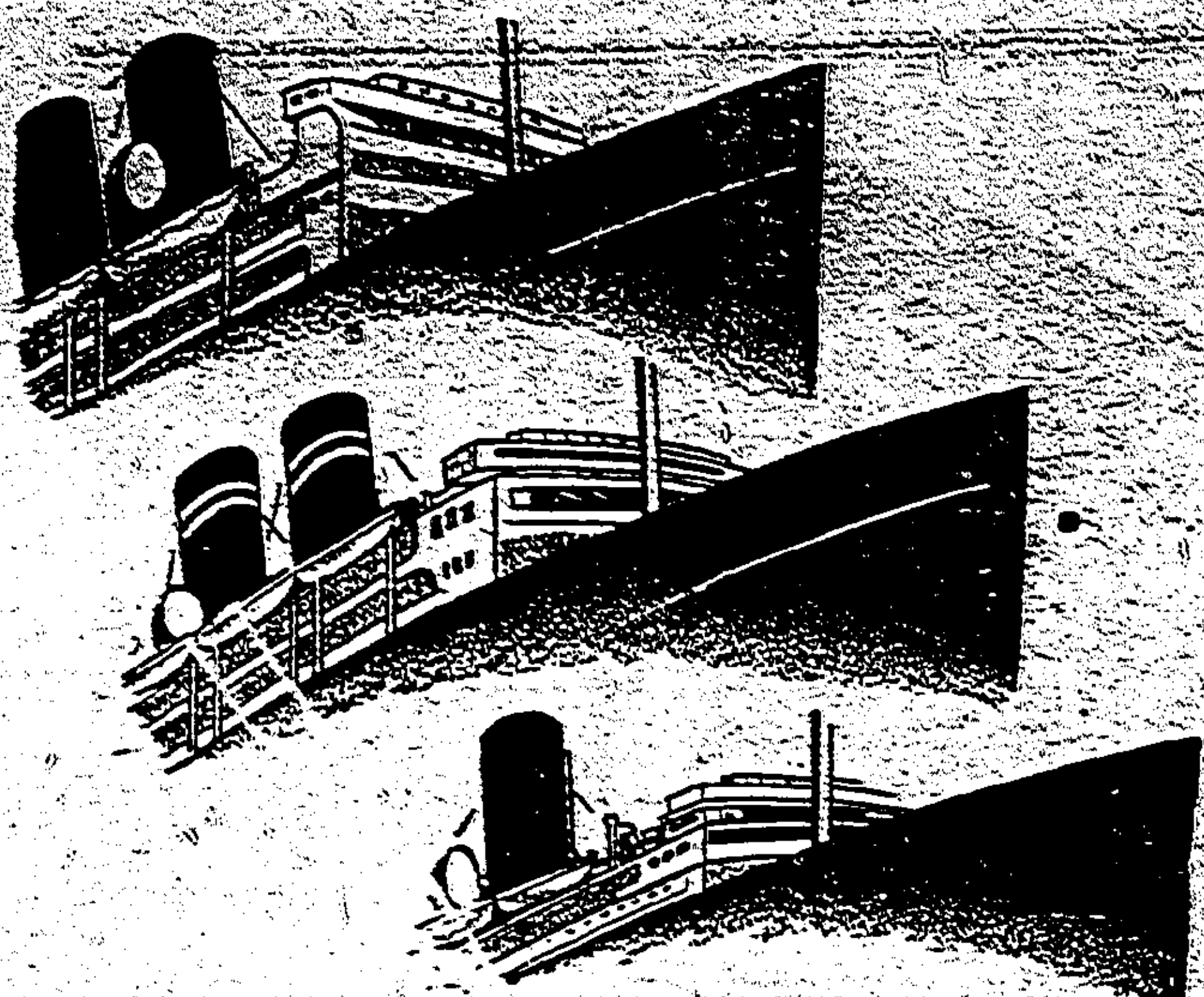
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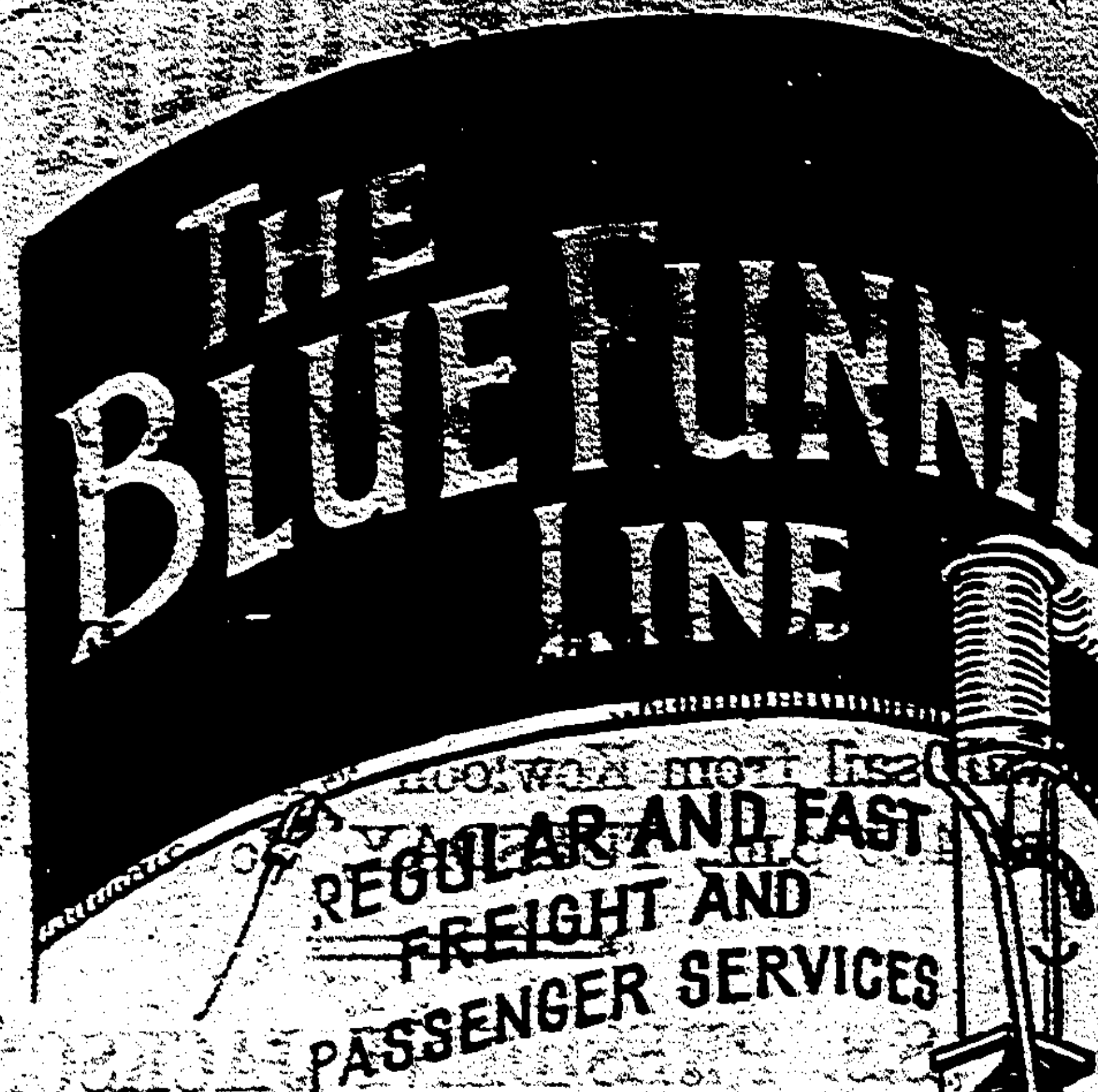
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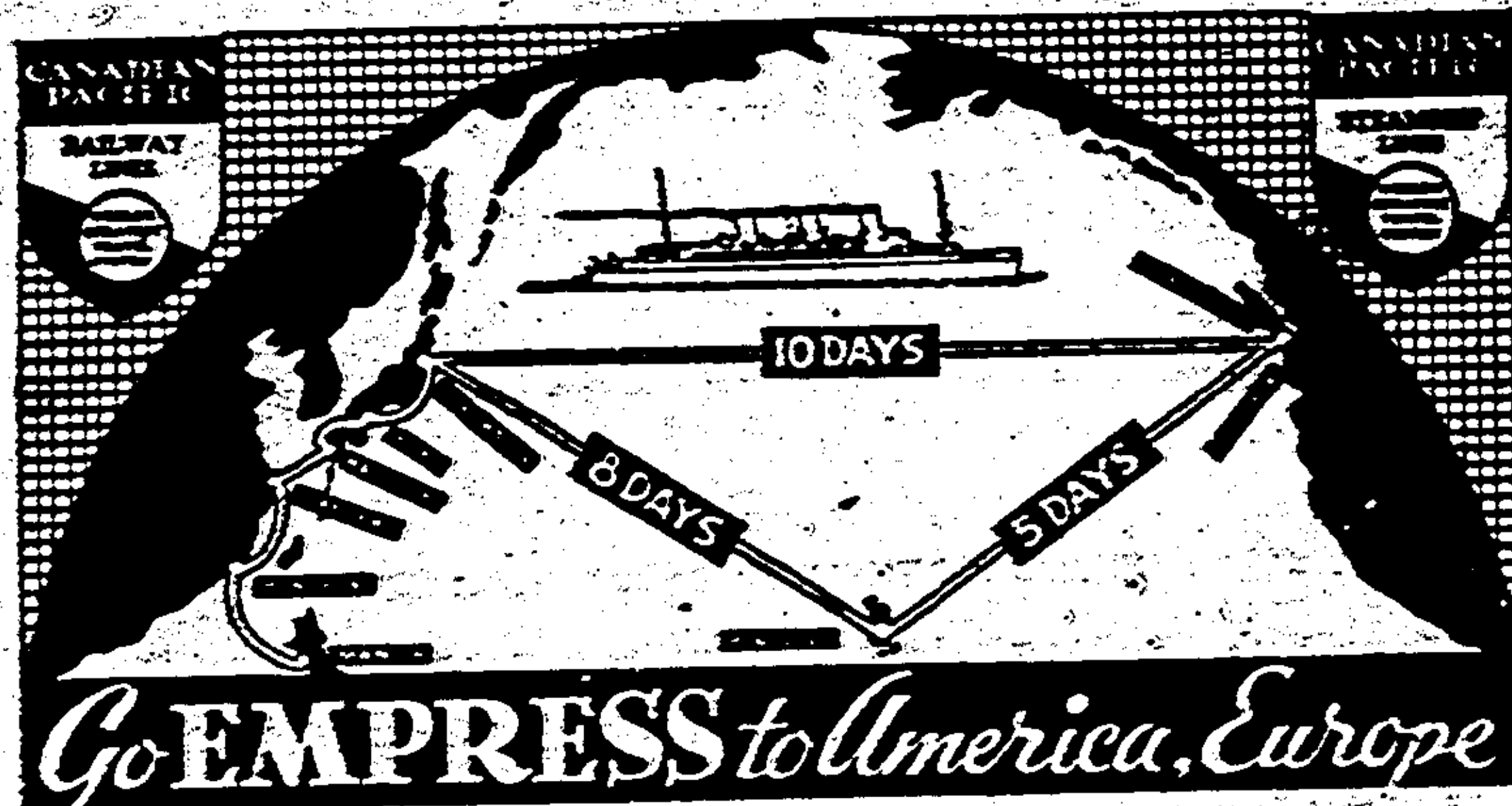
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Constructions (New) \$1 b.

H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 5% pm. s.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate of the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-21/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 19% and "forward" at 19 1/2%.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$5.0042 and the New York on London rate at \$-U.S.\$5.00%.

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HERR HITLER'S SPEECH COMMENTARY

London, To-day.

The references made by Chancellor Hitler in his speech at Augsburg are prominently featured in the London press.

The papers attach special importance to the Chancellor's statements, as they were made on the moment of Lord Halifax leaving Germany after discussions with German leaders. The papers, therefore, suggest that the remarks of the German Chancellor may furnish some clue to the outcome of the conversations between the German Chancellor and Lord Halifax, and that the Colonial problem was one of the most important features.

"The speech was interesting, since yesterday at Whitehall it was stated that the conversations had so far improved Anglo-German relations that official negotiations could begin," remarks the "Daily Express."

The paper then goes on as follows: "Diplomatic observers may state that the colonial problem was not discussed by Hitler and Halifax, but to accept this explanation would be dangerous." — Trans-Ocean.

SPEEDING IN GARDEN ROAD

Lient-Comdr. E. L. Woodhall, of H. M. S. Tamar, was fined \$10 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty, by letter, to speeding in Garden Road on the morning of November 6 at 9.12 a.m.

Traffic Sergeant W. Dall said defendant was travelling at approximately 35 miles an hour. He was in hurry to catch the 9.15 boat so that he had only given himself three minutes from top of Garden Road to the Dockyard.

The B. I. s.s. "Santhia" left Singapore for this port on the 18th instant and is now due here on the 24th instant at about 6 a.m.

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The bride, charmingly attired in an ivory-coloured gown of lacquered satin, with a tulle veil and a pearl-juliet cap, entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr. A. K. Dimond, who gave her away.

She was attended by Miss Veronica Allen, as bridesmaid, who was also elegantly dressed in powder-blue taffeta with a headdress of a coronet of blue leaves.

The Matron of Honour was Mrs. R. Weill, while Masters Leslie Williams and Bernard Weill, wearing ivory satin blouses and ivory velvet trousers, were the pages.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr. H. G. Williams, as bestman, and Messrs. J. R. Way and Eric Groome, undertook the groomsmen's duties.

A reception was held later in the evening at the Peninsula Hotel.

The honeymoon is to be spent at Fanling.

DIRECTOR OF MILITARY TRAINING

London, To-day.

Brigadier P. C. S. Hobart, Deputy Director of staff duties at the War Office, has been appointed Director of Military Training at the War Office. From April, 1934, to last February, he was commander of the Tank Brigade.—British Wireless.

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Among sellers in Hong Kong on Armistice Day was Miss V. J. Gordon-Smith, whose name was inadvertently not published.



SUSPENSION OF DEBT PAYMENTS BY BRAZIL

London, To-day.

The Brazilian foreign debt payments suspension was the subject of a Commons answer by the Foreign Secretary, who referred to earlier representations made to the Brazilian Government which it had been hoped would have resulted in no action pending negotiations with the bondholders.

Unfortunately, the latest information indicates a definite decision by the Brazilian Government to suspend payment pending conclusion of a new agreement.

Mr. Eden added: "His Majesty Government have under serious consideration the new situation that has thus arisen"—British Wireless.

AMERICAN RUBBER STRIKE SETTLED

Akron (Ohio), To-day.

A Union official announced yesterday that members of the United Rubber Workers Union of America had voted to end the strike in the Goodyear Company factory, where 16,000 men have been on sit-down strike.

The Union had accepted the proposal for settlement, he added.

Meanwhile, sit-down strikers at the Fisher Body Plant at Pontiac have marched out of the works and will negotiate with the employers.—Reuter.

BELGO-SOVIET TRADE

Brussels, To-day.

Negotiations between Belgium and the Soviet concerning prolongation of the clauses of the trading treaty dealing with most favoured nation treatment, have resulted in prolongation of the clause in question, till October 21, 1939, says a semi-official statement.

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STRIKING SHOTS

(By "STICKS")

Although V. M. Benwell, the European Y.M.C.A. and Club custodian was badly injured last Saturday against the Royal Engineers when a ball from three yards range broke his nose, he is anticipating turning out for the Club to-morrow afternoon for another smack at the Sappers. A glutton for punishment.

I understand that the Hong Kong Hockey Club will be visiting Macao some time in January, although the actual date has not yet been arranged. It will be on a Sunday.

The Clubs' outstanding Triangular Tournament fixtures are against the Navy on December 8, on the Club ground, and against the Army on December 14 and 21. They hope to be able to field their best team as *Flt. Lt. Wallace*, their right-back, will probably be back from his short holiday in Shanghai by then.

There does not seem to be any doubt as to the probable outcome of the Caer Clark Cup series judging from the opening games. The Saints' Ladies have proved most disappointing in suffering two defeats, but I think this can be put down to the recent changes in the line-up and the fact that the newcomers have not blended as well as was anticipated.

Judging from the Triangular Tournament game last Wednesday between the Club and the Navy, there will be more than one claimant for the Colony pivotal position for the forthcoming Interport against Macao. *Lt. Comdr. Spencer*, the Navy centre-half, gave a brilliant display and was much the better of the two pivots, *Willy Reed* being troubled by the bumpy ground. Another player who should command attention from the Interport Selection Committee is *George Cox*, the European "Y" pivot, who should have secured the Army pivotal position instead of *Land*.

There has been very little response from the Civilian Clubs for names of players for the Civilian team to meet the Combined Services on Sunday, December 11. I understand that to date only Club de Recreio have sent in the names of their players. Come on you Hockey Secretaries, get a move on!

There are several outstanding wing-half claimants for the Interport left-half berth, but of these I think the final issue will be cut down to three, possibly four players in Sub. Lt. Poulton, of the Navy, a really outstanding player, G. Malik, of the Kowloon Indians, a very hard-worker, A. F. Austen, of the Signals and European Y.M.C.A., and A. Hassan, of the Radio, who although actually a pivot, is not likely to displace either *Willy Reed* or *Spencer*, both of whom are much better players.

It is a pity that E. H. P. "Pat" White has not given more attention to hockey as he is a fine back. I can recall the days when he partnered E. F. "Bob" Selk in St. Andrew's full-back division when they were practically unpassable. Pat is very fast and is sound in his distribution. He is still playing for the reorgan-

(Continued on Page 19)



A recent portrait of Lt. Donald, the Navy's fine inside-right.

LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON RESULTS

Wong And Chng In Fine Form

Three fixtures in the "A" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League were played off last evening, when the University "A" swamped St. Andrew's by nine games to nil, and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Recreio "A" beat King's College and Recreio "B", respectively, by 7 sets to 2.

Patrick Wong, of the Chinese "Y", was supported by his original partner, C. E. Chng, and these two players combined faultlessly to win their three sets.

Hon and Lim were the "Y's" weakest pair and lost two of their sets.

The University's overwhelming victory was expected, as they previously beat a stronger team than St. Andrew's by a similar margin.

ST. ANDREW'S SWAMPED ONCE AGAIN

At the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium, the University "A" beat St. Andrew's by nine sets to nil:

C. O. Lee and C. K. Lee (University)	beat H. Kew and W. C. Choy	23-20
Bliss	beat E. F. Fincher and A. S.	21-12
beat F. V. Wong and F. A.	Broadbridge	21-6
K. L. Yong and P. K. Hui (University)	beat Kew and Choy	21-13
beat Fincher and Bliss		24-22
beat Wong and Broadbridge		21-15
T. F. Yong and M. S. Lim (University)	beat Kew and Choy	24-23
beat Fincher and Bliss		21-5
beat Wong and Broadbridge		21-1

CHINESE "Y" IN WINNING VEIN

At Bonham Road, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat King's College by 7 sets to 2:

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	lost to P. H. Wong and C. E.	10-21
Chng	lost to Y. C. An and F. Koh	1-21
lost to S. Y. Hon and M. K. Lim		7-21
S. P. Chua and H. N. Chng (King's)	lost to Wong and Chng	16-21
lost to An and Koh		2-21
beat Hon and Lim		21-4
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	lost to Wong and Chng	8-21
lost to An and Koh		8-21
beat Hon and Lim		21-9

RECREIO "A" BEAT RECREIO "B"

At King's Park, Recreio "A" beat Recreio "B" by 7 sets to 2:

M. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios (Recreio "A")	beat P. P. Botelho and M. Guterres	21-6
Game with L. F. V. Ribeiro and A. E. Xavier forfeited		
Game with L. A. L. da Silva and D. A. M. Rodrigues forfeited		
H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves (Recreio "A")	beat Botelho and Guterres	21-5
beat Ribeiro and Xavier		21-8
beat da Silva and Rodrigues		21-4
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio "A")	beat Botelho and Guterres	21-8
beat Ribeiro and Xavier		21-4
beat da Silva and Rodrigues		21-9

ST. ANDREW'S LADIES' POOR DEFENCE COST THEM POINTS AGAINST H.K. LADIES "Y" LADIES JUNIORS SHOULD NOT HAVE LOST TO C.B.S. JUNIORS

A "GENTLE" HINT TO THE COACHES

(By "STICKS")

PROBABLY the most disappointing team in the Caer Clark Cup series is St. Andrew's Ladies, who have failed to live up to expectations in spite of the fact that they have never been quite so strong, individually, for several seasons, but this is where, I think, their biggest handicap lies. Individually they are good, but.....!

Against the Hong Kong Ladies, last Saturday, they should have consolidated their early lead in the second half with at least another two goals, but their defence unaccountably fell off after their one goal lead, and this gave the Hong Kong Ladies the opportunity they were waiting for.

With Miss Phyllis Gittins playing a lone hand in attack, against the rocklike defence of Miss Gray and Miss Hebling, the H.K. Ladies' intermediate line were given an opportunity of feeding their forwards with an abundance of passes which the St. Andrew's halves failed to check.

Mrs. Perrin, who has succeeded Mrs. Donald as the H.K. Ladies' leader, looks like heading the goalscoring lists this season and has already scored eight goals in two encounters. What I like about her play is that she invariably takes the ball on the run and knows what to do with it without shilly-shallying round half the field. In Mrs. Waddell and Miss Smalley she had two excellent wingers, while Miss Marsh and Mrs. Moore rightly did their share in harassing the Saints' defence.

THE YOUNGSTERS

There is not much more I can add about this match except to drop a "gentle" hint to the Saints' coach to concentrate a little more on the intermediate line, which although strong individually, is lacking in strength as a whole.

I cannot really understand the "Y" Ladies' Brawn Cup team bowing to the Central British School-girls "B" team last Saturday, as they have the material at their disposal to field a fairly strong combination.

There is of course, the fact that the "Y" coach is still concentrating on the senior team and has not given the juniors the benefit of his knowledge. I can readily understand his viewpoint in this instance as it will probably be some time before he can, without any qualms, give them a rest and concentrate on the juniors.

GOOD INDIVIDUALLY

The juniors have five fairly good individuals, but that is as far as they go. They have no understanding whatsoever, and their distribution is wild and uncertain. Miss Buchanan, formerly of the Central British Ladies, Miss Murray and Mrs. Read are all very good and there is no reason why they should not be taught to blend into a powerful attacking unit.

There is one more item concerning ladies' hockey which is worthy of comment and that is the arrangement of fixtures for the season. The long interval between December 11 and January 8 could well be



Flt. Lt. Wallace, above, is one of the finest full-backs in the Colony and should easily secure his place in the Colony Interport team to meet Macao next year.

utilised by playing off the Seven-A-Side tournament or any postponed fixtures!

BRITISH BOXING BOARD SAY LOUIS IS NOT TITLE HOLDER

TITLE IS VACANT IN RANKING LIST

SCHMELING'S CURIOUS POSITION

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, October 21.

THE British Boxing Board of Control last night issued a number of ranking lists — or rather lists of holders of championships — affecting British boxers. The only point of interest is the re-assertion of the peculiar ostrich-like view, taken some months ago, that the heavyweight championship of the world is vacant — that Joe Louis is not a champion.

When consenting, in the face of severe criticism, some months ago, to recognise the proposed match between Max Schmeling and Tommy Farr as for the world's championship, they stated that Joe Louis had never won the title, because James Braddock was under suspension locally in America when Louis beat him.

Farr did not go on with the Schmeling fight, but went to New York, where he met Louis in a fight recognised by every person in the world, except those constituting the British Boxing Board of Control, as for the world's heavyweight title.

OPERATION ON INDIA CRICKET CAPTAIN

Flight To London

London, October 26.

The Maharaja Sir Vijaya of Vizianagram, captain of the All-India cricket team which toured Britain last year, arrived in London by air from Paris yesterday. He has travelled from India to undergo an operation.

He was not in the best of health when he led the All-India side in the 1936 Test matches, and this was reflected in his play. He said yesterday that he was hopeful that the treatment he was to receive would restore him to good health.

TATE ASKED TO PLAY FOR ANOTHER COUNTY

HIS MIND NOT MADE UP

London, October 21.

Since Maurice Tate was informed by the committee of the Sussex County Cricket Club that it did not intend to renew his engagement, which expires in April, he has been inundated with offers of various sorts, mainly for coaching.

These offers include one from another first-class county club which is anxious to engage him as a professional player, he stated last night. He said that this club thought he still had several years before him as a bowler and possibly more as a batsman. Tate is 42.

"They could also make use of my services," he added, "not only as a player but in an advisory capacity, by which I presume they mean as a coach."

NO NAMES PLEASE!

Tate declined to divulge the name of the county from which he received the offer and said he had not had time to consider this pro-

It seems that, having taken a certain line, no matter how foolish it may appear afterwards, or how slender the logic on which it is based, the board consider themselves bound to stick to it. This piece of unconscious humour will make the rest of the world rock with laughter, but in weakening their own position the board are doing an ill-service to British boxing, whose cause they represent.

One other point among these lists is that Schmeling is nominated as European heavy-weight champion, a title for which he has never fought.

RANKING LISTS

The ranking lists are:

WORLD

Fly-weight—Benny Lynch (Scotland)
Bantam-weight—Harry Jeffra (America)
Feather-weight—Pete Sarron (America)
Light-weight—Lou Ambers (America)
Welter-weight—Barney Ross (America)
Middle-weight—Fred Apostoli (America)

Lt. Hvy-weight—John H. Lewis (America)

Heavy-weight—Vacant

GREAT BRITAIN

Fly—Benny Lynch (Glasgow)
Bantam—Johnny King (Manchester)
Feather—Johnny McGrory (Glasgow)
Light—Jimmy Walsh (Chester)
Welter—Jake Kilrain (Glasgow)
Middle—Jock McAvoy (Manchester)
Light Heavy—McAvoy
Heavy—Tommy Farr (Wales)

BRITISH EMPIRE

Fly—Vacant
Bantam—Vacant
Feather—McGrory
Light—Laurie Stevens (South Africa)
Welter—Vacant
Middleweight—Vacant
Light Heavy—Vacant
Heavy—Farr

position.

It was probable, he added, that his mind would not be made up until he returned from the Argentine tour with Capt. Brinckman's team in February. He sails for South America on Nov. 23.

KAY STAMMERS AND HOLLYWOOD

Planning To Stay Indefinitely

Hollywood—Miss Kay Stammers, the British Wightman Cup lawn tennis player, had a cinema test yesterday. If the test was successful, she said to-day, a film career would not interfere with her tennis.

She is not certain what role she would play. It was stated at the studio that she would be given a supporting role with Constance Bennett and Brian Aheren in "Merrily We Live." Miss Stammers is planning to remain indefinitely in California.

BRITISH PLAYERS' SUCCESS

INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Paris, October 19.

British players carried off all the titles in the French International Badminton championships at the Coubertin Stadium, Paris. J. D. Maconachie, of Ireland, retained the men's singles events, beating Delubac (France) in the final by 15-2, 15-8.

Maconachie, with K. Smedley (G.B.) repeated their success of last year in the men's doubles, which they won against Burdin and Baudoin (France) by 15-2, 15-5.

"HAT-TRICK"

Maconachie completed the hat-trick by winning the mixed doubles with Miss F. M. Green (G.B.). They beat Smedley and Miss K. Ruston, another British pair, by 15-9, 18-14, in the final.

Miss Green also won three titles. She beat Miss Ruston by 11-8, 11-8 in the final of the women's singles, and, with Miss Ruston, won the women's doubles by beating Miles Y. and M. Girard (France) by 15-4, 15-9. Renter.

STRIKING SHOTS

(Continued from Page 18)

ised Saints' team.

In last Wednesday's Triangular Tournament fixture between the Club and the Navy both left-wingers were in fine form although Victor Bond was starved throughout the second half in spite of being the most dangerous of the four wingers on display. On his present form he should secure an International Whitworth, the Navy left-winger, is also very good, being extremely fast on the ball while his positioning leaves nothing to be desired.

How to celebrate the jubilee of the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association will be decided by the delegates at the A.G.M.

EUROPEAN

Fly—Lynch
Bantam—Vacant
Feather—Vacant
Light—Vacant
Welter—Vacant
Middle—Marcel Thil (France)
Light Heavy—Thil
Heavy—Max Schmeling (Germany)

S. J. McCABE FRACTURES FINGER

Injures Top-Joint When Attempting A Catch

Sydney, October 13.

An X-ray examination of S. J. McCabe's hand, which was injured during the first grade match at Parramatta Oval on Saturday, revealed a fracture of the top joint of a finger of his bowling hand.

McCabe is confident that the injury will not keep him from playing in the first Sheffield Shield match in Brisbane early next month. McCabe thinks it will be only a week or two before he is playing competitive cricket again.

McCabe received the injury when trying to catch the Cumberland left-hander, R. Rowe, off his own bowling. Rowe made a powerful drive which, although blocked by McCabe, continued to the boundary. McCabe completed the over, but then left the field for the rest of the afternoon.

McCabe was present at the practice nets at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday, but did not bat or bowl. The injured finger was not bandaged. The nail and the whole of the top joint were greatly discoloured.



CUBAN PUNISHES LEWIS

MCAVOY'S NEXT OPPONENT DEFEATED

John Henry Lewis, who is to defend his world's lightweight championship against Jock McAvoy in London, probably next month was decisively outpointed by the Cuban heavy-weight, Isadore Gastanaga, at Detroit, last night. The fight was at catch-weights.

It was a gruelling bout in which Lewis took terrific punishment. In the dressing room after the fight Lewis admitted that he had never been hit so hard before. "I was lucky to escape a knock-out," he said. He blamed his defeat on his extra weight, as he was 11 lb over the light heavy-weight limit.

Gastanaga dropped Lewis twice in the first round. The Cuban then put his man down for a count of nine in the third and Lewis just managed to stagger to his feet. Lewis saved himself after the second round by a defensive use of long lefts, but in the third session he showed a dynamic left which sent him to the floor.

Lewis made a come-back in the eighth when he managed to land a solid right opening an old cut over Gastanaga's eye. He then seemed to be getting the upper hand when the Cuban unleashed a furious drive, staggering his lighter opponent twice in the closing round.

The judges awarded five rounds to Gastanaga and four to Lewis. One was even.

THEY SAY—

Some people say that it is even more exciting to play football than to watch it, but I could never believe this.—Robert Lynd

Football has arrived at a pretty pass if all we read about various aspects of the sport can be taken as authentic. The game in general seems to have become a target for stunt-mongers, and even those who control its destinies appear to be afflicted by the prevailing malady.—A Sporting Chronicle writer.

Modern methods means that footballers are tuned to concert pitch. A little extra strain and something snaps. We hazard the guess that there are more "filleed footballers" to-day — by that we mean players minus cartilages — than ever before. All those electrical gadgets, foam baths and glandular treatments may seem a right, but it is our opinion that the old-timer was far more accident proof than the modern soccer specialist.—Paul Irwin.

What Britain expects from Tommy Farr is to hear that he didn't say half the things he is supposed to have said about his country-men during his gold-digging operations in the land of the racket. Mr. Farr has something to say—we hope. If nothing more he might, before he goes back to stoop more dollars, tell us something about the British title he is under contract with Sid Hulls to defend. Or has he forgotten it was the winning of this which got him the money?—A Daily Sketch writer.

It is a puzzle to many students of Association football why ground advantage so greatly influences re-

sults. One explanation is that the cheers of the crowd stimulate the players who are getting most of them (although some great players will tell you that they hear nothing and see nothing beyond the game itself); another explanation is that the advantage is like that of playing on one's own golf course; a third (coming from the cynics) is that some players only play their hardest when their own supporters are watching them.—Manchester Guardian.

Bar Jove, what an outsider! A Scottish promoter is now issuing pool coupons covering Rugby matches, which idea is already popular in parts of England and about the Scottish borders, where Rugby is proletarian. I should like an eye-ful of one of our Scottish mandarins overhearing punters discussing which of the Old School Tie-brigade "burst" them for a win... or being asked his "1, 2, X" advice on a knotty problem in the local bar.—John Hampden.

A wide-spread fallacy persists among spectators that if a man is in front of the ball, he must be off-side, whether the ball was last played by one of his own side or by an opponent. Consequently, if after the ball has been heeled from a scrum, an opposing wing-forward intercepts a pass from scrum-half to stand-off half, an immediate howl of "offside" goes up from the spectators, even though the wing-forward had his feet behind the ball when it came out of the scrum.—Rowe Harding.

Y. R. A. PROTEST DECISIONS INCIDENTS DURING PAST RACING SEASON

CHALLENGE FOR SCANDINAVIAN GOLD CUP

London, October 26.

Sir William Burton, president of the Yacht Racing Association, supported by Sir Ralph St. George Gore, vice-president, presided over the meeting of the Y.R.A. Council at the Hyde Park Hotel yesterday, when cases of protest, collision and appeal which had occurred during the past racing season were considered.

The principal cases and the council's decisions were:

Castle Y.C.: Reality v. Carron II—Carron disqualified.
Royal Singapore Y.C.: Puna v. Awan Terbang—Awan Terbang disqualified.
Royal Burnham Y.C.: Red Jacket v. Blue Bell—Blue Bell disqualified.
Lymington Y.C.: Trivia v. Flica—Trivia disqualified.
Tamesis Club: Imp. Shooting Star and Pontoon—Pontoon and Shooting Star disqualified.
Household Brigade Y.C.: Sagitta v. Finetta—Finetta disqualified.
Christchurch S.C.: Waterspite v. Susan—The decision of the club disqualifying Susan was quashed.
Dublin Bay S.C.: Oola v. Estelle—Estelle disqualified.
Royal Southern Y.C.: Emerald, Squirrel and Sapphire—Squirrel disqualified.
Coronation Regatta, Torbay: Ingeborg v. If—If disqualified.

TWO DECISIONS POSTPONED

Decisions in two cases, one from the St. Mawes S.C. and another from the Sydney Y.R.A., Australia, were deferred. The Y.R.A. delegated the Clyde Conference to

number and measure the popular Dragon Class in British waters.

The meeting of yacht clubs to decide the dates of British regattas in 1938 was fixed for November 24 (to-morrow) at the Hyde Park Hotel.

A challenge was issued by the association for the Scandinavian Gold Cup held by the Seawanhaka Y.C., United States, the Royal Northern Yacht Club of Scotland to select the challenging yacht of the six-metre class.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. J. K. Winter, Mr. George Wansborough, Mr. R. Douglas Heard, Mr. R. O. Bond, Mr. Herbert Woods, Mr. Gantier St. Croix, Mr. Peter Scott, Col. W. Wordie and Mr. H. F. Handley Derry were elected members of the Y.R.A.

The members of council present were: Capt. R. T. Dixon, Mr. Hugh Paul, Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith, Mr. H. A. Andraee, Maj. Cyril Potter, Maj. H. W. Hall, Mr. H. L. Goodson, Mr. Tom Thornycroft, Sir Ian Hamilton Benn, Mr. F. G. Mitchell, Mr. Algernon Maudslay, Mr. R. M. Teacher, Sir Fisher Wentworth Dilke, Col. R. Sloane Stanley, Mr. Kenneth Preston, Sir Henry McMahon, Mr. Claud Allan, Mr. W. F. Robertson, Mr. F. A. Richards, Mr. J. H. M. Clark, Mr. J. S. Highfield, Mr. Stewart Morris, and Maj. B. Heckstall-Smith, secretary.

Germany have a very smart diver in Erhardt Weiss, of Dresden. He is reported to be diving in better form than when he ran fourth and fifth in the high and springboard diving championships respectively.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

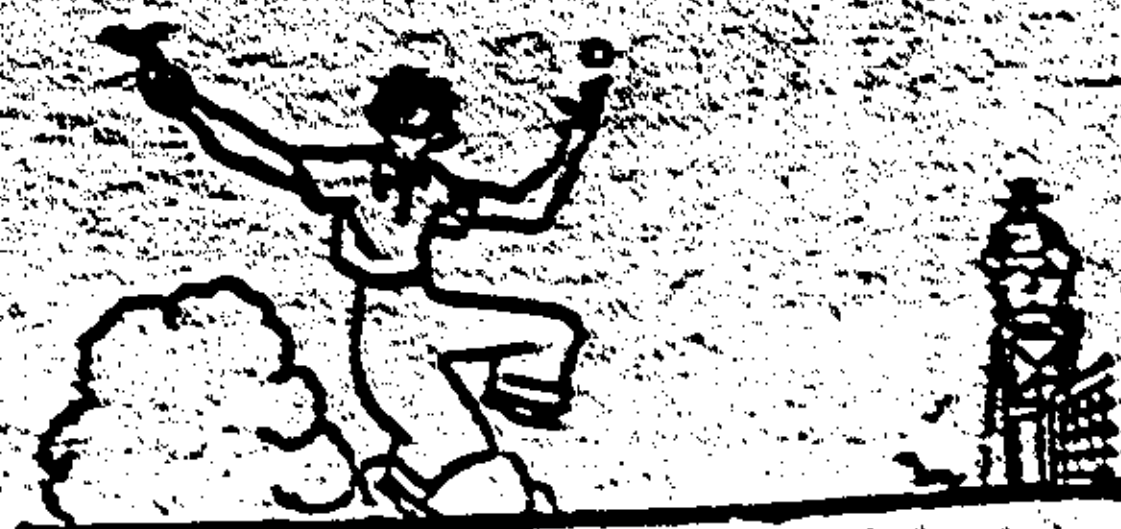
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BROMWICH BEATS LINDO

Sydney, October 7.

A great surprise in the Metropolitan lawn tennis championship at the Strathfield Recreation Club, yesterday, was the victory of N. Turvey against V. B. McGrath, the Davis Cup player, in a semi-final of the men's singles championship.

The match was more than one hour late in starting, and conditions were unpleasant, the court being damped from frequent showers and drizzling rain falling during the match. McGrath's heart was not in the match, because of the delay.

Turvey played splendidly to win the first set, even though McGrath was not seen to advantage. Turvey beat McGrath last January in a semi-final of the seaside championships.

In the other semi-final, J. Bromwich beat H. Lindo after a good display. This match was played on a dry court, and Bromwich's ability to keep the ball in play had much to do with his win. Lindo's shot being hit deeper and with better intent. Bromwich's footwork for his left-handed shot was bad.

He stood square to the net. He showed that he had improved his service action, although it was still faulty as he hit the ball with a bent elbow instead of with the arm fully extended, resulting in loss of speed.

Results at the tournament are given on the next page.

K.G.C. JUNIOR TITLE

Next Sunday's
Pairings

The following is the draw of the Kowloon Golf Club Junior Championship (First round to be played off by Sunday, November 23):

B. Basto	v	F. A. Hill
J. E. R. Humble	v	W. Stoker
G. C. Moss	v	J. R. Leitch
T. Henderson	v	E. M. Hanlon
W. Kershaw	v	W. J. Cairns
E. W. Gardiner	v	R. M. Wheatcroft
F. E. Lawrence	v	H. P. Bjellings
W. Bastin	v	J. J. King

RUGBY GAME FOR TO-MORROW

There will be a Rugby game on the Club ground, Happy Valley, to-morrow, commencing at 5.00 p.m., when a Naval side, drawn from the Small Ships in port, will meet the Club "A" XV.

The Club side has been selected as follows:

M. W. MacGrath; L. Lammert, D. B. Nelson, J. Redman, J. L. Bonnar, M. G. Carruthers, J. R. Henderson, E. G. L. Oliphant, J. S. Dunnett (Captain), Dr. E. W. Stout, A. W. Holden, R. E. H. Nelson, J. G. Harvey, W. Stoker, and T. H. Pratt.

LADIES' HOCKEY MATCH TO-MORROW

The following will represent St. Andrew's Ladies in a hockey match against the Seaford Ladies on the Murray Parade ground to-morrow at 4.45 p.m.:

J. Hall, D. Hall and E. Chang, P. Lawson, M. Roza and E. Greaves, C. Kotewall, Y. Ho, Mabel Chann, S. Roberts and V. Churn.

AUSTIN BEATS BOROTRA IN 40 MINUTES

To Meet Schroder
In Final

COVERED COURT TITLE

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

London, October 16.

British players have a good chance of recapturing both singles covered court championships at Queen's to-day. In the women's singles the overseas challenge was definitely removed yesterday when Mrs. King and Miss Scriven defeated their respective German and French opponents; and in the men's event H. W. Austin, and not Borotra, survives to tackle K. Schroder, the Swedish holder, in the final round.

For the first time for nine consecutive years the Saturday tribunes will not see Borotra's beret in the last round. The crowd will miss a familiar figure; none has roused them to greater fervour throughout a decade. But every epoch has its own hero, and yesterday the king of the court was Austin, with Borotra as his subservient vassal.

It was 40 minutes of futility for the Frenchman. Austin was in such perfect touch and temper, so incapable of steering a ball out of court, so well stocked with shots, including the diagonal lob, to frustrate the Borotratric attack, that the match was over before many intending onlookers had arrived.

It was quite the briefest championship duel these two had ever fought—and one that could only have one ending as the forces were arrayed.

NO REAL FIGHT

A real fight there never was. I suspect that Borotra had never quite recovered his physical elation after his gruelling Tuesday, and his mental elation, which he usually summons to readjust the balance, was not assisted by a sequence of extremely doubtful line decisions given against him in the first four games. He gave no outward sign, of course, but he was obviously depressed in spirit, and from this inauspicious start he never recovered.

Another factor which may have subconsciously disturbed the Basque was a reimposition of the footfault penalty. These marks against his service made no material difference to the result, for Austin was his master yesterday; but Fate seemed a little too cruel against the visitor in that his service for four sets against Shaves the previous day had not apparently infringed the rule once.

ONLY FOUR DEUCES

The one-sided character of the encounter—and Austin's complete domination—may be gauged from the fact that it only yielded four deuce games, and that Austin had many love games—three in sequence in the first set and two together in the third. He is an early-ball disciple at all times, but yesterday he allowed the ball to rise even less than usual, so that many of his flashing passing shots had the surprise value of half-volleya.

Austin's accuracy and resource, combined with perfect judgment and complete composure, were indeed heart-breaking for his adversary.



Bryan M. Busby Grant, above, unwittingly became a tennis ace, is reported to have stated that he will not be available for the Davis Cup series next year owing to business reasons.

MYSTERY GOLFER IN THE WITNESS BOX

MONTAGUE'S ASSOCIATION WITH RUM-RUNNERS

Elizabeth Town (New York State), October 23.

John Montague, the freak golfer from Hollywood, entered the witness-box to give evidence in his own defence to-day. He is charged with taking part in a hold-up seven years ago at a roadside inn owned by a Japanese, Kim Hanna. Montague denied that he participated in the hold-up. He said that on the night of the crime he was in bed at his home 200 miles from the inn.

He admitted, however, that he knew the three men who did take part in the robbery and that in the days when he was known as Laverne Moore he frequented the company of bootleggers. A few days before the crime, he said, he visited the inn with a rum-running friend, who wanted to ascertain whether it was suitable as a "liquor-drop."

Asked to explain how his golf bags came to be in the bandits' car, Montague said that they had remained there after a previous trip he had made in the same car.

HIS BIGGEST GOLF BET

He changed his name from Laverne Moore when he went to California, he said. There he worked as a salesman and prospected for gold.

Montague denied that he had played golf for huge bets. He branded as a myth the report that he once played Olin Dutra, a former national champion, for \$500.

"Five dollars is the biggest golf bet I've ever made," he asserted.

Montague said that his reason for going to California and changing his name was because his belongings were found in the bandits' car.

THEIR GUEST

In California, although his salary as a salesman was only \$22 a month, he had extravagant companions. He did not attempt to keep pace with them financially. Most of the time he was their guest.

Questioned on whether he had any previous convictions, he said he had been fined \$1 for stealing cherries.

Montague's case was sent to the jury, who were told by the judge that their verdict must be either an acquittal or robbery in the first degree. Conviction carries a sentence of from 10 to 30 years' imprisonment.



BROKERS TO MEET D.B.S. AT CRICKET

The following have been chosen to represent the brokers against the Diocesan Boys' School on the Club de Recreo ground, commencing at 1.45 to-morrow:

S. A. Ismail (Capt.), A. E. H. E-mail, A. Kitchell, C. P. Basto, C. A. L. Rickett, J. A. Fisher, G. Lee, V. E-mail, A. Gomes, F. E. Zammern and A. A. Roza.

CLUB SECOND ELEVEN

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI on Saturday, November 27, in a friendly cricket match on the home ground against the Central British School:

W. Wooding; H. J. Armstrong, D. S. Robb, N. P. Fox, F. A. Dunnett, C. E. Gahagan, R. S. W. Paterson, G. A. Smith, J. E. H. Leckie and L. D. Kilboe.

AUSTRALIA'S NARROW DEFEAT

First Rugby League
Test

VISITORS MISS CHANCES

London, October 18. England 35 pts. Australia 4. The Australians have yet to win a Rugby League Test at Headingley, but they nearly broke the spell on Saturday, when they put up a much better fight than generally expected in the first of the series this season. England's success by the barest possible margin—five points to four—was not more than they deserved, and the tourists might well have snatched victory near the end when Cumiffe had to retire with an injured shoulder—but for an unaccountable lack of finish and fatal hesitancy.

England had some hair-breadth escapes following the loss of the young Castleford winger, who was playing in his first international, but the sturdiness of their defence, coupled with the failings of the Australians, enabled them to hold out.

VARIETY AND PACE

In everything but their handling, which was usually indifferent, and lack of forcefulness the Australians were the equals and in some respects the masters of the opposition. They showed more variety in attack and considerably more pace. Norman being their principal spearhead, but threw away opportunities with disappointing regularity. The forwards, among whom Curran, Stehr and Prigg were outstanding, also held their own well.

Only sterling defensive work by Hodgson and Risman saved England, whose backs fell below expectations, though Jenkins cut through for a brilliantly try that was easily the high-light of the match. This came in the second half after Beaton had kicked two penalty goals for Australia and Hodgson had kicked one for England. The attendance was 32,000 and the receipts, a record for a Test at Leeds, \$3,924.

Ian D. Watson has been re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer of Stewart's College (S.P.) Cricket Club for the twelfth season. The other officials are: Captain, Mr. J. A. T. Brown; Vice-Captain, Mr. K. E. Haywood; Committee, Mr. W. W. Wainwright, T. G. Lamb, E. O. Haywood, G. W. A. Shannon, R. L. White, and W. A. Kinsey.

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HEAVY AND BANTAM

Benny Lynch, who retained his world Bantam title, defeated Peter Kane on Saturday night in a fight which was the first of the series this season.

"I would not mind fighting for the bantam title," said Lynch last night. "But I want to fight a record. I could hold both championships at once. I beat the best American bantam, Lynch added that he was willing to defend his present title as soon as a suitable opponent could be found, but I do not think there is one in the country," he said.

WEMBLEY STILL WANT TOMMY FARR

PLANS MAY BE
DISCUSSED

LONDON, OCT. 16. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO MATCH TOMMY FARR WITH LEN HARVEY, THE FIGHT TO TAKE PLACE AT WEMBLEY LATE IN NOVEMBER OR IN DECEMBER. THE FIGHT WOULD BE FOR THE BRITISH HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE.

Harvey yesterday repeated his recent challenge to Farr, and said he would stake £1,000 of his own money. The Wembley authorities have been in touch with Farr since the champion arrived at Cherbourg.

As yet, Farr has declined an invitation to go to Wembley to discuss the matter. He stated last night that he would be willing to do so next Tuesday, when he intends watching the heavy-weight fight at Wembley between Walter Nussel and Maurice Strickland.

It would not take Farr long to get fit, but other engagements make it unlikely that he will be able to fight in England.

F. C. DE SARANS BRILLIANT KNOCK

The New Zealand team, en route for Australia, played a match to-day with an all-Ceylon team at Colombo. The match was drawn. All-Ceylon batted first and declared when they had scored 221 for eight. F. C. de Sarans, the old Oxford blue, being responsible for a brilliant 90. The New Zealand team had lost five wickets for 177 at the close, H. G. Vivian scoring 68 not out.

GENERAL NOTICE

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THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 20th December, 1937, at 12 o'clock (Noon) for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1937, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 26th November, 1937, to MONDAY, 20th December, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
NOEL BRAGA,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 26th October, 1937.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Twelfth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 4th December, 1937 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwang Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 25th November, 1937.

By Order,
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Secretary.

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AIR COMBATS IN RAID ON NANKING

Nanking, To-day.
Although usually authoritative Chinese sources originally claimed that a plane brought down in a dog fight between Chinese and Japanese planes over Nanking yesterday was Japanese, Reuter has now established that it was actually a Chinese plane. The pilot escaped unhurt by parachute.

Aerial combats over Nanking yesterday afternoon marked the first appearance of Soviet planes, according to reliable observers, who state that these ultra-fast machines had not hitherto been used by the Chinese air force.

It is learned that the Chinese Government has bought a considerable number of planes from the Soviet, while Soviet instructors have been training Chinese pilots. — Reuter.

Budapest, To-day.

Much prominence is given in the Hungarian press to the visit to Berlin of the Premier and Foreign Minister.

The Premier, in a statement in Berlin, said that questions affecting

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while the boom across the Yangtse there still stands.

Even if the boom is breached, the Japanese will have to clear miles of minefields, and would have to contend with another boom at Chinkiang.

NANKING CONFIDENCE

Nanking, they say, will be well able to defend itself against air attacks, as has been shown in the past, for the city is well-equipped with anti-aircraft guns, and Chinese planes almost always engage the raiders. — Reuter.

WUSHING'S FALL

Shanghai, 1.30 p.m., To-day.

Official claim to the capture of Wushing in North Chekiang is now made in a Japanese communique, which reveals that the North Gate fell after long and desperate resistance at ten o'clock yesterday morning.

By eleven a.m. nearly two brigades had thrust their way into the city and by nightfall, capture had been completed, after nearly eight hours of sanguinary street fighting.

It is now admitted that the strength of Chinese resistance is being completely maintained on

both counties had been discussed, especially in the economic and trading field. — Trans-Ocean.

the southern front, and that the retreat on Changhing is proceeding very slowly with gradual stiffening of opposition.

A new defence line has been prepared at Likiahang, half-way between Wushing and Changhing.

CHINESE DEFENCE

The Chinese military command is evidently well acquainted with the necessities of the present situation and the new defence system stretches all the way from Kiangyin, through Wusih, west of the Taihu Lake to beyond Changhing.

It is believed here that the Japanese effort to outflank the Wusih defences will fail unless strong reinforcements are provided, as there are at least 200,000 troops in the Changhing area or moving down.

HANGCHOW BOMBED

The Japanese, in the meantime, are moving against Hangchow, with the obvious intention of using the town as their main base in the operations on the southern front.

Hangchow was heavily bombed from the air yesterday and again this morning.

The Japanese advance is reported to be within 20 miles of Hangchow, where evacuation of civilians has begun. Measures are being taken for defence of the city.

KIANGYIN HOLDS

On the Northern front, Japanese admit that all attacks on Kiangyin have failed, and it is apparent that they are experiencing transport difficulties. The artillery in the region is as yet insufficient for the requirements of the situation, despite the aid of naval craft in the Yangtze.

Difficulties of maintaining the army in the field as they move further from their main bases is revealed by the fact that supplies had yesterday and this morning to be dropped by parachute from aeroplanes.

The Chinese forces have withdrawn, almost wholly to the Kiangyin-Wusih defence line, though sharp fighting is continuing to the north-east of Wusih. — Our Own Correspondent.

TOKYO WAR OFFICE ON CAMPAIGN

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese troops have already reached Wusih, about half way between Shanghai and Nanking, and 40 kilometres north-west of Soochow, according to official claims, but there is no assertion of capture of Wusih.

The Japanese are attacking in two columns on Nanking from the west, one driving along the railway line from Shanghai to the capital, and one on the southern bank of Taihu Lake.

The Taihu Lake forces have now captured Wushing and are astride the Hangchow-Nanking Railway.

Another Japanese body, operating from Kashing, in north Chekiang, is reported to be advancing on Hangchow. — Trans-Ocean.

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